The Kay and Elise Brower Music Scholarship was established for the benefit of undergraduate and graduate students who participate in NM Tech music ensembles. Initially named the Elise Brower Scholarship Fund, it was renamed after Kay’s death in 2014 to honor the couple’s shared contributions to musical life in Socorro. Kay, a chemistry professor at Tech from 1956 to 1996, made many important contributions to the field of high-pressure organic chemistry, resulting in over 70 publications. His wife Elise earned three degrees from Tech, including a Ph.D. in geochemistry, but was first and foremost a musician who played piano, organ, recorder, and oboe, and taught piano privately.

Joined by their daughters Karen (on violin) and Candace (on cello), the Browers eventually formed a family piano quartet. The Brower living room was long the epicenter of musical activity in Socorro, at one time housing three harpsichords, a pipe organ, a grand piano, and numerous string and wind instruments, many made by Kay himself. The Browers were avid supporters of the arts, and were instrumental in founding the Performing Arts Series at Tech. Kay and Elise also played in the Tech orchestra for many years (Kay on cello, Elise on oboe). Elise continues to serve as artistic director of Las Cantantes, founded as a women’s chorus in 1986, and as music director of the Socorro Unitarian-Universalist Church, and teaches piano privately.
Criteria: New Mexico Tech Student

If selected as an awardee, must enroll in Chamber Music Scholarship course (0 or 1-credit option) at New Mexico Tech

Completed application form

All applicants are required to submit a short video performance demonstrating their musical ability. Please upload to YouTube and include the link in your application.

Name: _______________________________________________ ID#______________________

Permanent Address: _______________________________________________________________

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Campus Address: _________________________________________________________________

Cumulative G.P.A. _____________________ Classification: ___________________________

Major:  ______________________________________________________________________

Hours Completed at NMT: ______________________________________________________

Career Interests/Goals: __________________________________________________________

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Clubs or Organization Involved With: ______________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

Musical Instruments:  ___________________________________________________________

Years of Study: _______________________________

Experience (past and current) with Music Ensembles: __________________________________

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Other Hobbies and Interests: ______________________________________________________
If I am accepted as a recipient of the **Kay and Elise Brower Music Scholarship**, I agree to enroll in the Chamber Music Scholarship course at NMT (either the 0 or 1-credit option will satisfy this requirement).

I am a full-time student (or will be a full-time student) attending New Mexico Tech. I certify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Misrepresentation in any statement by me will be considered adequate grounds for denial or cancellation of an Institute award. I also give my consent for New Mexico Tech to release my academic information to scholarship donors.

Signature: ____________________________

Date: _______________________________

Return Application to: New Mexico Tech
Financial Aid Office
801 Leroy Place
Socorro, NM 87801

For questions regarding this scholarship call (575) 835-5333. Recipients will be notified in writing of the award of funds. Awards will be made based on the availability of monies in funding sources.