# 6th Mark Brunner Professional Audio Scholarship



The Professional Audio Manufacturers Alliance (PAMA), in partnership with Shure Incorporated, is accepting applications for the 6th annual Mark Brunner Professional Audio Scholarship, offered to students worldwide who are pursuing an education in professional audio. Brunner, a long-time Shure executive, PAMA founding member, and leading voice in the audio community who passed away in 2020, had an unwavering passion for education and mentorship throughout his career. Scholarships of up to $2,000 per recipient are targeted to students following their passion for audio in an accredited audio program. PAMA and Shure are specifically interested to learn how the applicants plan to share their knowledge with others in a manner consistent with Mark’s legacy. Scholarship applications are open as of April 1, with a submission deadline of May 31. Visit the website below for more information and to submit an application.

On behalf of PAMA, the organization’s president, Yvonne Ho, stated, “Last year we passed the five-year benchmark of this scholarship, and I consider the annual Mark Brunner scholarship an ongoing cornerstone of PAMA’s mission, to assist these young audio professionals in their studies. Mark was a strong and consistent supporter of audio education, and a friend and mentor to countless people working



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in audio today, and we are honored to carry on his legacy in this way."

"This scholarship honors Mark's legacy by supporting aspiring audio professionals in their educational pursuits," said Chris Schyvinck, president and CEO of Shure. "It commemorates Mark's impactful contributions, including reinforcing his dedication to nurturing future generations of audio industry leaders."

The recipients of the first scholarship were Dennis Freeman from Middle Tennessee State University and Emma Brooks from Berklee College of Music. The second scholarship went again to Freeman and Brooks, as well as Benjamin Nix-Bradley of CSU Northridge. The third went to Freeman and Nix-Bradley, as well as Valor Swezey of University of New Haven. The fourth went to Swezey, Narek Manoukian from Southern Utah University and Mei Hei from Berklee College of Music. The fifth went to Jeremiah Grier of Temple University, Tamanpreet Kaur of American University, Andrew Padfield of Western Michigan University and Paula Sedlacek of Penn State University.

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