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Fall 2021 Minigrant Outcome Report

## Continued Violin Upkeep and Protection

Thank you to the J. Sanford Miller Arts Scholars program for funding my project to help keep my violin protected with the purchase of a new violin case. I have had my current instrument case for a number of years and it has withstood travel, weather, and typically wear-and-tear. But its daily usage has resulted in it no longer being able to adequately keep my instrument safe. This grant and the Miller Arts Scholars program have helped me to ensure that my instrument stays in good condition with the help of a brand-new case that I can now afford.

Shortly after hearing that I was the recipient of a Fall 2021 Minigrant, I had originally selected a GL-Combi Contoured Violin Case to purchase, but after looking more closely at the specs of the case, I realized that I wanted something with a bit more space and also a case that was lighter, as I often travel with my instrument. I am now planning on buying the Gewa Air 2.1 Case, but due to supply chain shortages the case is backordered. I am on the waitlist for new case orders and it is expected to be delivered latest by March 2022. I am very much looking forward to having and using this case! I use a Gewa case for my other instrument and the quality and amount of space in the case are both amazing. In addition, the case has combo locks on the clasps for added protection when traveling which is perfect for me.

I was originally planning on spending a portion of my budget on new sheet music, but was fortunate enough to receive better copies of the music I am preparing for my DMP recital without needing to purchase them. Without the generous support of the Miller Arts Scholars program, the purchase of a new violin case would not have been possible. I am looking forward to utilizing all of this equipment during my last semester as I make final preparations for my fourth-year recital as well as other upcoming spring performances. Thank you!

## Budget Outcome

| Item | Cost |
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| Gewa Air 2.1 Violin Case | $589.95 |
| **Total** | $589.95 |