Ella Kauffman

Transform Rhode Island Scholarship

"I had access to music lessons and support. Many talented Rhode Island students do not. Every child deserves the same opportunity that music gave me."

~ Ella Kauffman
East Greenwich High School

BIG IDEA:

Ella's big idea is a statewide music mentorship network that will remove financial and transportation barriers by providing free instruments and music lessons to underserved elementary and middle school students.

By expanding access to music education across Rhode Island, this initiative would strengthen academic success, support mental health, and build confidence and community.

HOW WILL SHE DO IT?

High school and college musicians would serve as trained mentors, providing free lessons to under-resourced youth.

An online platform would match mentors and students by instruments/voice, location and schedule availability.

To provide access to all, lessons would be taught at libraries, community centers and schools.

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