



Ede Ashton-Scott

2014 Scholarship Recipient



Ede Ashton-Scott is a 2018 graduate of the University of Delaware where she earned her bachelor's degree in Music Education. Currently, she is a fulltime resident teacher though Urban Teachers while pursuing her master's degree in elementary education at Johns Hopkins University. Ede has played the violin for 15 years, which led her to explore a career in the performing arts industry. Ultimately, Ede plans to work in an educational leadership or administrative role. She believes that incorporating arts into education curriculums is an effective way to educate children holistically.

As an Economic Club Scholar, Ede connected with two mentors that have contributed to her career development. Anthony Otten, Managing Director at Stillwater LLC and Marsha Ralls, Founder and CEO, Phoenix Wellness Retreat share a passion for the arts although their careers are not directly in the art industry. They have encouraged Ede as she matriculated though undergraduate studies and introduced her to others within her career interest.

While attending a local event in DC, Ede met Jenny Bilfield, President and CEO of Washington Performing Arts and was intrigued by the opportunity to work for the organization. During her junior year of college, Ede was accepted in the Economic Club Summer Internship Program and was matched to work at Washington Performing Arts as an intern in the External Relations Department. From her time there, Ede is most proud of the opportunity to interview DC community members and write a biography on Patrick Hayes, the founder of Washington Performing Arts Society. Her [article](#) is still used on the Washington Performing Arts website to this day. She believes "If it were not for the backing of the Economic Club, I would not have been able to secure a paid internship at the place I've always wanted to work. The Economic Club offers scholar so much - they just have to take advantage of the opportunities before them." Performing arts has always been a passion for Ede. In her free time, Ede enjoys teaching violin and piano lessons on the weekends and engaging in recreational activities such as hiking. Outside of focusing on her education and her passion for music, Ede is excited to serve as a mentor for current Economic Club Scholars.