

Heritage High Band Scholarship Program

No student should be denied the opportunity to participate in the band program based upon their financial circumstances. The Heritage High School Instrumental Music Foundation (HHS IMF) Board of Directors have established a Scholarship Fund to assist families with a demonstrated financial need in meeting their obligation to pay fees resulting from their student's desire to participate in the marching band, winter percussion and winter guard programs. This document establishes some basic guidelines for the Scholarship Program.

General Information

Parents or guardians must complete the attached application form and submit it to the HHS IMF. Forms may be submitted by mail, given directly to the Band Director, or dropped in the drop box in the band room. Forms must be submitted by the indicated deadline to be considered for a scholarship. All information is kept confidential.

Guidelines and Requirements

In order to promote equity among students and parents, our desire is for everyone in the band program to contribute financially to its success. By participating fully in fund raising and other band activities, we can maintain a successful program and lower the financial burden on all families.

- Students receiving a scholarship and/or their parents agree to participate in ALL fundraisers and band activities.
- Students receiving a scholarship must maintain a C average in band class and exhibit good conduct.
- Scholarships may be withdrawn if a student and/or their parents do not maintain the basic eligibility requirements.

Determination of Eligibility

The Band Director and the HHS IMF Board will review scholarship applications and make final determination.

Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria, including, but not limited to:

- Demonstrated financial need (primary factor)
- Overall effort and participation in band and band activities
- Participation in band-sponsored fundraising activities
- Band Fees payment history and communication

All awards will be in the form of a "waiver" of band fees/credit to a student's CutTime ledger. Awards may not necessarily be for the amount requested. Late applications will be considered only after all other awards are made and based on any remaining scholarship funds available.

The quantity and dollar amount of the awards made may vary from year to year based on the number of applications received and the success of Heritage Band fundraising activities, regardless of the budget amount estimated for the scholarship fund. Only those applicants selected for an award will be notified.

It is the intent of the Scholarship Committee to make a decision regarding scholarship awards within 2-weeks of the application deadline.

Possible Scholarship Options

Arrangement 1: Alternative Payment Schedule

Upon request, an alternative payment schedule can be made. Because the majority of band expenses occur at the beginning of the marching season, we have established a payment plan so that all fees are paid by November. An alternative payment schedule can be arranged:

Example:

- June - \$100 intent fee
 - July - \$50
 - August - \$50
 - September - \$50
 - October - \$50
 - November - \$50
 - January - \$50
 - February - \$50
 - March - \$50
- TOTAL: \$500

Arrangement 2: Partial Scholarship

For those who cannot make the above payment schedule, we would consider reducing fees to an agreed upon amount an individual party can afford, for example, a 25% - 50% reduction based on evaluated needs.

Using this arrangement, the scholarship fund would provide matching funds. For example, if a student agrees to pay 50% of the fees, the scholarship will fund the remaining \$250 once the student has paid the initial \$250 in funds and/or *fundraising*.)

Arrangement 3: Full Scholarship

In extreme cases of financial hardship, a student's band fees may be paid from the Scholarship fund.

HHS Instrumental Music Scholarship Application

All information will be kept confidential

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Grade: _____ Instrument/Section: _____

Request for:

Alternative Payment Schedule Partial scholarship Full scholarship

List all music-related activities (band leadership, fund raising, lessons, community performances, etc.)

What fundraisers have you participated in? How many hours? _____

In your own words, please explain why you should receive this scholarship: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date Received: _____ **Date Reviewed by Band Director** _____

Recommendation: Approved Denied

Comments: _____

Date Reviewed by Scholarship Committee _____

Recommendation: Approved Denied

Comments: _____
