

Dickinson High School Band Scholarship Program

Six \$1,000 scholarships from the Dickinson Band Boosters will be awarded to be used toward books and tuition. Awarding of these six scholarships based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin is prohibited. Awarding of scholarships is on an annual basis and will not be automatic. Each year, the Dickinson Band Booster Executive Board shall vote on whether to award the scholarships, and the financial status of the Dickinson Band Boosters will be the prime factor.

Qualifications:

1. Must be a senior at Dickinson High School.
2. Must be currently enrolled in the band music program at Dickinson High School and be in good standing. For example, a student who is in DALC, is not participating in band class, is not passing a class or has an unpaid/unsettled band account is not in good standing.
3. Will be attending an educational institution in the fall of the year after graduation and will be working toward an undergraduate degree.

Scholarship Committee:

1. The committee shall be comprised of members of the Dickinson Band Boosters Executive Board, minus those members who currently have a senior in the school.
2. The Dickinson Band Booster President will act as Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee and will not be allowed to vote. In the case where the President is also the parent of a senior, his/her designee will act as chairperson of the committee. Further references in these guidelines to “the President” shall be interpreted as “the President or his designee”.
3. Because of the varying number of Dickinson Band Booster Executive Board Members who may have a senior, the committee size will vary from year to year. However, in a year where they may be all senior parents, the President of the Dickinson Band Boosters will select five (5) non-senior band booster parents to constitute the committee.

Essay:

1. Nothing in the essay shall state the senior’s name or give any indication as to who the student is.
2. The Subject of the Essay shall be “Why Music is an Important Part of my Life.” The Essay must be typed, double-spaced and 250 to 300 words in length. A cover sheet must be attached to the student essay, and the cover sheet must contain the student’s name only.
3. The essay must be placed in a manila envelope that is sealed with the words, “Scholarship Essay” written on the front. This shall be the only writing on the envelope.
4. In the event that the student does not meet these requirements in part or in whole, that student’s essay will be disqualified.

Deadline:

1. The deadline for submission of the scholarship essay shall be the second Friday in April.
2. A sealed box with a slot in the top will be placed in the band hall. Students must place their sealed envelope in the box no later than the designated deadline, or their essay will be disqualified.

Voting Procedures:

1. Envelopes will be given to the President of the Dickinson Band Boosters.
2. The Band Director will provide the Band Booster President with a list of senior students who are not in good standing.
3. The President, upon opening the envelope, will record the name of the senior on the Scholarship Roster. The cover sheet will be taken off and a letter, i.e. "A", "B", "C", etc., will be written in ink on the top right corner of the essay. This will allow the Scholarship Committee to judge without discrimination. The President should open envelopes and record students' names in the presence of a witness, such as, but not limited to, the Band Secretary or the Band Director. The President will either place one copy of each essay received in an envelope, along with a voting form, for each member of the committee or will send all essays as scanned electronic copies via email. Each committee member, after reading all essays, will write the letters of the six essays that they have chosen to receive the scholarship on the voting form, place it in a sealed envelope, and return it to the President. If selections are submitted via email, the letters of the six essays will be typed into an email and submitted to the Band President electronically. Scholarship choices should be in hard copy by voting form or via email.
4. Once the President has received all selections back from the Scholarship Committee, he/she will tabulate the votes. The essays receiving the six highest votes will be the scholarship awardees. However, in the case of a tie, the President will call a meeting of the Scholarship Committee to discuss the essays, at which time a voice vote will be taken to break the tie. At no time will any member of the voting Scholarship Committee know the identity of the seniors who have submitted essays.

Announcement/Award of Scholarship:

1. The President of the Dickinson Band Boosters will make the announcement of the awardees at the Annual Band Banquet/Spring Concert, providing it is held at a time prior to the general scholarship presentation. However, if the general scholarship presentation is before the Annual Band Banquet/Spring Concert, the announcement will be made in the Band Hall at an appropriate time.
2. The actual check for \$1,000.00 will be made out to the institution of choice for the six awardees.

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