

Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Scholarship Guidelines

Purpose: The purpose of scholarships offered by the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band is to provide instrumental music instruction to deserving students in grades 4 through 12. The scholarships will offset the cost of membership in the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band for a time period of either one-half year or one year.

Scholarship amount: Scholarships shall be the equivalent of the one year or one-half year dues payment for group lessons as established annually by the Lehighon Boys and Girls band Board of Directors. The scholarships awarded will have no cash value to the recipients. Scholarships will be valid for the given time period commencing within one month of the awarding of the scholarship; scholarships not activated within this time period will be declared null and void. Scholarships are not transferable or refundable.

Applications: Application forms may be obtained from the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Music Director at the Lehighon Boys and Girls Bandhall (197 N. Sixth St., Lehighon PA 18235) during normal Bandhall hours. Please call the Bandhall at 610-377-1860 to confirm these hours. The forms are also available on our website: www.lehighonboysandgirlsband.org

Selection criteria: Recipients will be selected based in part upon, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Applicants may be experienced musicians or beginners.
- A typewritten/computer printed essay on the topic *What Participation In Band Means To Me* must be submitted with the official application form. Essays should be of a length appropriate for the age of the applicant.
- The *Confidential Recommendation* (form available with the official scholarship application) should be completed by a music professional familiar with the applicant's musical ability. This could be a public school music teacher or, for students not in public school, a piano teacher, choir director, or someone who has worked with the student in a musical setting. *Confidential Recommendations* from a member of the applicant's family will not be considered. Multiple *Confidential Recommendations* will be accepted. *Confidential Recommendation* forms must be postmarked by the date specified on the application.
- Applicants with experience on a musical instrument must perform an audition to showcase their present musical ability. The audition will include sight-reading and will be heard by a committee made up of the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Music Director and others as designated by the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Board of Directors. Students who are beginners with no previous instrumental music experience will not be required to audition.

Criteria for determining awards:

- All application materials must be mailed to the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band, attn. Scholarship Committee, 197 N. Sixth St., Lehighon, PA 18235.

- All application materials (application form, essay, confidential recommendation[s]) must be postmarked no later than the stated deadline. Materials postmarked after that date will not be considered for the current year's scholarship application.
- Auditions, if needed, will be scheduled by the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Music Director.
- Application materials and audition results (if applicable) will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Music Director and others as designated by the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Board of Directors. No relatives of any applicant may serve on the committee.
- The essay, *What Participation In Band Means To Me*, will be considered by the committee for quality on an age appropriate basis.
- The strength of the *Confidential Recommendation(s)* and the audition (if applicable) will be considered equally.
- In the case of multiple highly qualified applicants the committee will hold personal interviews with the finalists.
- The decision of the committee is final.

Criteria for maintaining awards:

- Scholarship award winners must maintain regular weekly lesson attendance.
- Scholarship award winners must practice and show progress on their instrument.
- Scholarship award winners must join the performing Boys and Girls Band when deemed ready by the Music Director.
- If the above guidelines are not met the scholarship will be declared null and void.

Lehighon Boys and Girls Band Scholarship Application

To be completed by the applicant

Student Name _____ date of birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Mailing Address (street) _____ (city) _____

(state) _____ (zip) _____ (phone) _____

School Attending _____ Current Grade in School _____

Do you presently play an instrument? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, what instrument(s) do you play? _____

In what musical groups do you participate? _____

Please mail this application and your essay on *What Participation In Band Means To Me* to:
Lehighon Boys and Girls Band
Attn. Scholarship Committee
197 N. Sixth St.
Lehighon, PA 18235

Please complete the Student section of the attached Confidential Recommendation, give it and a stamped envelope addressed to the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band to your music teacher, piano teacher, choir director or another music professional who is familiar with your musical ability.

**All Scholarship Application Materials must be postmarked by July 10, 2010.
Materials not postmarked by that date will not be considered.**

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Confidential Scholarship Recommendation

To Be Completed By The Student:

Name (first)_____ (middle initial)_____ (last)_____

Please give this form to a music professional who is familiar with your musical abilities. Include a stamped mailing envelope addressed to:

Lehighon Boys and Girls Band
Attn. Scholarship Committee
197 N. Sixth St.
Lehighon, PA 18235

To Be Completed By The Music Professional:

The student named above is applying for a scholarship for instrumental music instruction at the Lehighon Boys and Girls Band. The scholarship committee finds candid evaluations helpful in choosing among highly qualified candidates. We are primarily interested in whatever you think is important for us to know about the applicant's musical and personal qualifications to further their study of music. Thank you for your assistance.

Compared to other students, circle how you would rate the applicant in terms of musical skills and potential:

Ratings: 1 = Outstanding 2 = Excellent 3 = Good 4 = Average NO = Not Observed

Creative, original thoughts	1	2	3	4	NO
Independence, initiative	1	2	3	4	NO
Intellectual ability	1	2	3	4	NO
Musical achievement	1	2	3	4	NO
Expression of ideas	1	2	3	4	NO
Effective class discussion	1	2	3	4	NO
Disciplined work habits	1	2	3	4	NO
Potential for growth	1	2	3	4	NO

How long have you known the applicant? _____ What are the first words that come to your mind to describe the applicant?

Please feel free to write whatever you think is important about the applicant. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others. Please use this space only.

Signature and Title _____

This form must be postmarked by July 10, 2010