

Michael Doty Music Major Scholarship

given through the Ventura County Honor Band

Background:

The Ventura County Honor Band has determined that sufficient funds are generated in its annual event to offer a scholarship to a deserving high school student who plans on pursuing a career in music. It is named after Michael Doty, longtime music director at Hueneme High School and, in 1987, co-founder of the Ventura County Honor Band. Although the scholarship can be given to any music student, priority will lie with one who has earned a chair in the annual VCHB. An ad hoc committee of county high school directors will determine who the recipient is and, after consultation with the VCHB Organizer, what the amount will be.

Philosophy:

In his years as a high school director in the area, as a Board Member of CBDA (California Band Directors Association), with VCHB, and as a member of the music education department at California State University, Northridge, Mr. Doty demonstrated a devotion to excellence in his own performing groups and in others he worked with, and, above all respect for the process of obtaining those results. VCHB has decided to dedicate this scholarship to those same ideals that Mr. Doty personified.

Implementation:

The following will outline the policies governing the selection of the winning candidate(s) and the procedures for awarding the funds.

- The VCHB directors serving on the ad hoc committee shall award or not award scholarships at its sole discretion.
- The makeup of the ad hoc selection committee shall include the Organizer, Mr. Doty, and any number of other directors chosen at the discretion of the Organizer. The process for organizing this committee shall come under review annually by the full organization.

- The committee shall determine the winner(s) by simple majority vote.
- Applicants for this scholarship shall be limited to those students who are active members enrolled in their school's instrumental music program and are current members of VCHB.
- Students who meet the criteria in the above paragraph must be seniors in good academic standing who are on track to graduate in the June immediately following the VCHB concert.
- Due to its nature of encouraging further music study, this award is intended only for those students who intend to enroll in a four-year accredited university, college, or school of music directly following high school. Evidence must be presented by the applicant to satisfy this stipulation.
- After winning the award, the money shall not be paid to the student until documentation is provided proving 1.) acceptance AND enrollment at a four-year institution (as stipulated above), and 2.) the student's choice of music or music education as a major.
- Upon receipt of these materials, and after consultation with the student's parents to ascertain where the check should be sent, the scholarship will be paid in full.
- The time limit of this award is 12 months from the date of announcement at the VCHB concert. At this time, the award is nullified and the money returned to the general VCHB fund. The student who had been announced as the winner of the award (the previous year) will have to reapply for the award and present a letter stating the reasons the process was not completed in a timely manner. The ad hoc committee will reconsider the application and award it, or not award it at its discretion.
- Application forms, essay, transcript and letters of recommendation are the sole items used to determine the winner of this award. Phone calls, e-mails, and private talks to committee members will be disregarded as inappropriate.
- This award is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. Once the money has been paid to a student who qualifies for this award, that student is ineligible for another award from this scholarship. The general membership of VCHB may reconsider this rule if the finances of the organization change.

Student Application Procedure:

- The application forms accompanying this letter are the only forms allowed for consideration for this award. Incomplete forms or forms from another source will disqualify a student from winning this scholarship.
- The application form, all letters of recommendation, essay, and transcript must be delivered together, as a single packet, to the VCHB Organizer (*Mike Gangemi*).
- Deadline for submission of the documents below is **Saturday February 24, 2018 by 9:30am.**
 - Completed **Application** form (Available online.)
 - An **essay**, a minimum of 2/3 page, maximum of 2 typewritten pages in length, 11 or 12 point font. Your essay must contain, but is not limited to, a demonstration of your accomplishments in the field of music, your academic record and achievements, your college plans regarding your choice of music as a major, and your career aspirations. Include anything else you would like us to know about you, your accomplishments, your goals and your dreams.
 - A minimum of **two recommendations** (Form attached) from current or previous music directors, music teachers or coaches, academic teachers, counselors, or others to whom you have demonstrated your accomplishments, achievements and potential.
 - A copy of your high school **transcripts** (*unofficial are acceptable*).

Music Major Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Full Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Social Security Number: _____ Age _____

Birth Date: _____ Cell: _____ Home Phone: _____

GPA: _____ Month and year of graduation: _____

Parent #1 Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Parent #2 Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

To what colleges, universities, or institutions have you applied or do you plan to apply?

Name of Institution	City, State

Planned Major Course of Study: _____

Career Goal: _____

Do you plan to live: ___ On campus ___ Off campus ___ At home ___ Undecided

Do you plan to attend school: ___ Full time ___ Part time

Involvement/Achievements (Clubs, sports, student associations, etc.)

Organization	Description of Activities	Fr	So	Jr	Sr
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Talents, Awards and Honors

Title	Description	Fr	So	Jr	Sr
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Community Service

Service	Description of Service	Fr	So	Jr	Sr
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Employment

Company	Role/Job Title	Fr	So	Jr	Sr
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Applicant's Signature

Date

Music Major Scholarship Recommendation Form

The Scholarship Committee requires a minimum of **two** recommendations from current or previous music directors, music teachers or coaches, academic teachers, counselors, or others to whom you have demonstrated your accomplishments, achievements and potential. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted from members of the immediate family of the applicant, including parents, grandparents or siblings (*unless said relative is the student's band director*).

To be completed by the applicant:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

To be completed by the person making the recommendation:

Name: _____

Occupation/Place of employment: _____

Phone Number where you can be reached: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

What is this student's potential for college success? _____

What is this student's potential for success in a music related field? _____

What is this student's principle strength? _____

What is this student's principle weakness? _____

Please list any other information you would like us to know about this student, his or her achievements, and his or her potential for success in their educational and career pursuits. Continue on a separate sheet of paper if space on this form is insufficient: