

# VCHB Music Major Scholarship

## **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 senior who plans on pursuing a career in music. An ad hoc committee of county high school directors will evaluate all of the applications and determine who the recipient is.

## **Implementation:**

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

- The VCHB Board of Directors will form an ad hoc committee of County High School Band Directors which will review all submissions and make a recommendation for who they think should receive the scholarship.
- The chairman of the ad hoc selection committee will be the President of the VCHB Board of Directors.
- 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 above must be seniors in good academic standing who are on track to graduate in the June immediately following the VCHB concert.
- 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
  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 directly to the bursar where the student is registered.
- The time limit of this award is 12 months from the date of announcement at the VCHB concert. At that time, the award will be considered forfeited and the money returned to VCHB General 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 VCHB Board of Directors will reconsider the application and award it, or not, at its discretion.

- Application forms, the essay, transcripts, 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 on behalf of a student who qualifies for this award, that student is ineligible for another award from this scholarship.

### **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 being considered for this scholarship.
- The application form, letters of recommendation, essay, and transcript must be delivered together, as a single packet, to the VCHB President (Dennis Crystal) or HS Honor Band Coordinator (Zach Borquez).
- Deadline for submission of the documents below is **Saturday February 4, 2023 by 9:30am**.
  - Completed **Application** form.
  - 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 aspirations.
  - A minimum of **one recommendation** (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.
  - An unofficial copy of your high school **transcripts** (*should be readily available through your school's counseling office*).

# VCHB Music Major Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Employment/Community Involvement/Leadership

Please include any information about your involvement in the community (both in and out of band) and indicate which years of high school you were engaged in that particular activity. If you need more room, please attach an additional sheet to this application with all appropriate information.

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Music Major Scholarship Recommendation Form

The VCHB Scholarship Committee requires a minimum of **one** recommendation 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*).

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: