

2012

Music Education Scholarship

sponsored by

Massachusetts Music Educators Association

Western District

Purpose:

The purpose of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association, Western District (MMEA-WD) Music Education Scholarship is to assist worthy students in meeting the cost of attending an accredited four-year college in preparation for a career in music education.

Instructions:

Complete the Scholarship Application to be downloaded from the MMEA-WD website (www.mmeawd.org) and mail to the address listed below. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, students must be entering into a *music education* program at an accredited college or university in the fall of 2012.

In addition to the Application, the following *must* be submitted:

1. A typewritten essay describing:
 - Why you see yourself having a career in music education. Have you had any experiences that have led you to come to this decision?
 - The financial need prompting this application (why you need financial assistance)
 - Your college plans including major and anticipated vocation following graduation
 - Both your academic and musical participation in junior/senior high school, including any honors, awards, and/or recognition you have received
2. Letters of recommendation from each of the following:
 - Your high school music department sponsor (an MMEA member)
 - Another teacher or guidance counselor who knows you well
3. A copy of your high school transcript
4. All contributing parents'/guardians' completed or estimated 2011 federal income tax return(s). Please omit Social Security numbers.

All material must be postmarked by March 1, 2012 and mailed to:

**Scholarship Committee
MMEA-WD
c/o Paul Calcari
Greenfield High School
1 Lenox Avenue
Greenfield, MA 01301**

Evaluation and Award:

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of music educators using the following criteria, in order of importance:

- Commitment to a career in music education
- Financial need
- Musical achievement during junior/senior high school, including participation in District, MMEA All State and MENC Eastern Division Festivals
- Academic achievement during junior/senior high school
- Overall balance between music and other academic subjects, as well as extracurricular activities

The value of the scholarship(s) is determined annually by the District's Executive Board and general membership. Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the student upon **submission of the first semester college transcript, provided the student has attained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.**

Deadline for submitting college transcripts is March 1, 2013.

Other information:

- The MMEA-WD Music Education Scholarship winners will be recognized at school graduation or awards ceremonies.
- Scholarship recipient(s) and their immediate families will be invited to the MMEA-WD Spring dinner meeting in May to be recognized by the membership for receiving the scholarship.
- Questions regarding the application process may be directed to Paul Calcari, MMEA-WD Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at paucal1@gpsk12.org.
Telephone Number: (413) 772-1350 ext.113