

Carmel High School Band Boosters Scholarship Committee

Award Guidelines

The Carmel High School Band Boosters awards a scholarship of \$1,000 each year to a deserving CHS senior. To be eligible, the student must be a member of the Marching Band, Guard and/or the Concert Band. Each student will fill out an application and write an essay on why they feel they deserve the scholarship. The committee has consisted in the past of a parent representative of each of Marching Band, Guard and Concert Band and has been appointed by the Band Booster President.

There are no exact criteria in terms of selecting the winner; however, it has been agreed in the past that the essay is the most important part of the application; quality of the essay should comprise about 70-75% of the applicant's strength. The essay should be well written, with correct punctuation and grammar as befits a soon-to-be graduate of CHS. The essay should also convey how important the music programs at Carmel HS have been to the student, and possibly what the student has done for the music program.

The other factors in the judging process include community service, extracurricular activities, and awards. A copy of the application used in this determination follows. The judges will meet to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the essays, weigh in the other factors and determine the winner. The application forms given to the judges will not have the student's names on them and are should remain anonymous. However, certain answers on the form or information in the essay (such as "Drum Major" or "Sax Section Leader") sometimes give away the identity of the applicant. There is no way around this, other than to try to judge each essay and application form as objectively as possible.

**CHS Band Boosters
\$1,000 Scholarship Application**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parents' Names _____

Name of band(s) that you have participated in while at CHS:

Other extracurricular activities (include offices held):

Community Service: _____

Awards/distinctions attained: _____

Name of University/College you will be attending: _____

Field of Study: _____

Please attach a (maximum of two pages) theme telling the Band Boosters why you should receive their \$1,000 scholarship to assist you in pursuing your education. Please return this form and theme page to Mr. Cook.

You will be notified if you have been selected as our recipient prior to the Scholarship Awards Night.

Good luck to you and thanks for sharing your talent with all of us!

