

Music is what feelings sound like. ~Author Unknown



Guitar Scholarship Program

May 6, 2008

Re: Available Guitar Scholarship

Dear Parent of a Westfield High School Senior:

The Westfield High School Guitar Booster Club would like to congratulate you and your student on his or her upcoming graduation. This is another among the many milestones that your child will pass on the road to success. You can be justifiably proud.

We are aware, however, that these times can be financially demanding. This can be especially true if your child's career path involves enrollment in a college or university this fall. In order to further recognize the achievements of our seniors and to help in a small way defray those college costs, the Guitar Boosters are pleased to be able to offer at least one scholarship of at least \$500 to a deserving Westfield High School senior(s) guitar student graduating in June, 2008. This year's scholarships are funded in part by the annual Westfield 5K Run.

An application and associated instructions are enclosed for your convenience. Additional applications can be obtained from the Westfield Career Center Office or from our website at www.westfieldguitar.org. The completed application, along with the required essay, must be submitted on or before May 23, 2008. The Scholarship Selection Committee, which consists of three (3) Guitar Booster parents (excluding the president and parents of a senior) will make their decision based upon these written submissions. The scholarships will be awarded at the end-of-the-year senior awards ceremony in June.

Sincerely,

Kym Sunday
President

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Guitar Scholarship Application Instructions

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About This Scholarship

The Westfield High School Guitar Booster Club (WHSGBC) may award scholarships to deserving college-bound seniors. The scholarship program is made possible through the generosity of the WHSGBC and the Annual Westfield High School 5K Race.

It is the intent of the WHSGBC that one or more scholarships be awarded at the end of each academic year. The number and amount of said scholarships, if any, shall be determined by the WHSGBC each academic year. The WHSGBC reserves the right not to award any scholarships.

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

The WHSGBC Scholarship recipients will be graduating seniors that are members in good standing in Fairfax County Public Schools and have participated in Westfield High School guitar program. Consideration of scholarship awards will not be dependent on financial need, but rather guided by the following criteria:

Mandatory Eligibility Requirements

- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher through 3rd quarter of senior year
- be in good standing with Fairfax County Public Schools
- have been a member of the guitar program (i.e. class) for at least two of the four high school years
- complete an application form and turn it in by May 23, 2008
- write an essay and turn it in with the application form
- be accepted to a two-year or four-year college for the 2008-2009 school year (although not necessarily in a music program)

Evaluation Criteria and Weighting

- 40%-- contribution to the WHS Music program
- 20%-- strength of essay
- 20%-- participation in non-school related music activities
- 10%-- cumulative GPA
- 10%-- non-music related awards and contributions

Application forms will be available in the Career Center starting May 7, 2008 and must be turned in no later than May 23, 2008.

Scholarship Selection Process

The completed application, along with the required essay, should be placed in an envelope marked "Guitar Scholarship" and must be submitted on or before May 23, 2008 to Diane Villars in the career center. The Scholarship Selection Committee (SSC), which consists of three (3) parents (excluding the booster president and parents of a senior) will review the applications and grade and/or rank them according to the selection criteria and eligibility requirements. The SSC will make its decision based upon the submitted applications. All decisions are final and the committee reserves the right to make NO awards. The scholarship(s) will be awarded at the end of the year senior awards ceremony.

About the Westfield High School Guitar Boosters

The Westfield High School Guitar Booster Club, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, donations to which may be tax deductible as charitable contributions.



Application ID: _____

Guitar Scholarship Application

Applicant's name

Address

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Please check that the following pages are included in this application:

- Cover page with applicant's identification information and valid signatures
- Completed scholarship application
- One-page or two-page, double-spaced essay

(To be completed by guidance counselor)

Cumulative GPA as of 3rd quarter _____

Counselor Name: _____

Counselor Signature/Date _____

If you are selected for a scholarship, the scholarship funds will be sent directly to your college or university.

To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is correct.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Application ID:

Music class(es) currently enrolled in at Westfield High School and mid-term grade

Other high school music classes you have taken, the year(s) of participation and the final grade for each class:

Music-related clubs, honors, and other activities:

Indicate participation in the following school related activities and give year(s):

Festival _____

District/Regional Groups _____

Other Competitions _____

Other _____

Music-related Community Participation: List any non-school related music groups, music camps, teaching/mentoring, or any music activity, etc. that you have participated in and give year(s):

Non Music-related Community Participation: List any community activities and awards you received such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, sports, etc. and year(s) of participation:

Colleges or universities applied to:

College or university accepted by:

Intended major or field of study:

Please attach a one-page to two-page, double spaced, typewritten essay describing the importance of music in your high school life, your contributions to the music program and how music will remain a part of your life after your high school graduation. You should also include a statement on why you believe you deserve this scholarship.