

# Grassfield Band Parents Association



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## **2021 GRASSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **Purpose:**

The Grassfield High School Band Parents Association (GFBPA) Scholarship was established to recognize high-achieving high school students who plan to attend an accredited two- to four-year college/university or technical school upon graduation and whose academic excellence as well as leadership and/or contribution to the Grassfield High School band, color guard, and/or winter guard (herein after referred to collectively as the “Grassfield High School band” or “band”) have enhanced the school’s reputation as a center of excellence.

### **Awards:**

- Each year, the GFBPA’s Executive Committee determines the number of scholarships and their values.
- In 2021, four (4) students will receive a non-renewable scholarship valued at five hundred dollars (\$500) each.
- All award recipients shall be notified of their award selections in writing and honored during a spring band recognition ceremony.
- If an applicant is not selected, then he/she will not automatically be notified. However, any applicant that would like to be notified of their non-selection via email should include a clearly written email address on the back of their application and a note indicating their desire to be notified of a non-selection.
- All scholarship decisions are final and binding.
- Upon selection, each award recipient must provide proof of their college/school acceptance or commitment letter.
- Award recipients shall provide the GFBPA’s executive committee with a point of contact, telephone number, and address as soon as possible to ensure timely payment. Payment will be made directly to the student.
- Awards are meant to be applied only to tuition and/or associated fees.

### **Criteria for Applying/Maintaining a Scholarship:**

- Senior status as of December 31, 2020; and
- Enrollment in sufficient classes/course load/credits to graduate in spring 2021; and
- Two consecutive years of participation in organized band programs; and
- Cumulative, non-weighted grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (applicants must attach a copy of their high school transcripts current as of December 2020 for consideration); and
- Demonstrated academic and musical/performance while in high school; and
- Demonstrated leadership or participation that promoted excellence with band directors, leaders, and other students; and
- Established citizenship or legal residency of the United States/Chesapeake; and
- Intention to attend a two- or four-year college, university or technical school at the time of application; and
- Attendance at a two- or four-year college, university or technical school To start the fall semester of 2021; and
- Current, positive status with all GFBPA financial obligations.

### **Application Requirements and Procedures:**

Each applicant must complete and submit an application and attach a typed, personal essay; a copy of their high school transcript through fall semester 2020; and two (2) unopened letters of recommendations from teachers/ other individuals who know them well and can address their academic and/or band performance(s) by the noted deadline.

## Checklist:

- 1.) **Application:** must be printed out, completed, signed and submitted.
- 2.) **Personal Essay:** must be typed, double spaced using Times New Roman 12 font. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE WITHIN THE ESSAY AS THEY WILL BE EVALUATED SEPARATELY AND OBJECTIVELY.** Applicants should express in **750 words or less:**
  - (a) How your high school band experiences (band competitions, performances, music-related extracurricular activities, and/or other significant activities), and academic achievements have helped prepare you for college;
  - (b) How you have inspired others or have been a positive influence/role model for the band program at Grassfield High School; and
  - (c) Why you should be selected for this scholarship recognition.
- 3.) **High School Transcript:** must be ordered online through Parchment after report card grades are posted for the first semester of an applicant's senior year (contact guidance for any required assistance). The transcripts must be mailed to an applicant's home address or to the scholarship committee chair at the address listed below. **Note: IF APPLICANTS REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS BE SENT TO THEIR HOME ADDRESS, THEN THOSE POST MARKED ENVELOPES SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE.**
- 4.) **Letters of Recommendation:** applicants must include **two** letters of recommendation from appropriate high school teachers, administrators, music teachers, music/dance/guard professionals, or others who have direct knowledge of your musical/performance abilities, leadership, character and commitment to the band program and/or academic achievements at Grassfield High School. Recommenders must sign the document and give it to the student in a sealed envelope with the student's name on the outside of the envelope and their name across the back seal. Applicants should **NOT** open, read, or copy the recommendations. To avoid the appearance of partiality or bias, the Grassfield High School Band Directors, Color Guard Directors, Board Members and Scholarship Committee Members shall not write letters of recommendation for this scholarship. Recommendation requests should be submitted as early as possible to ensure that preparers have the time they need to draft quality reviews and meet the application deadline. Note: recommendations can be sent electronically as well.

5.) **Submissions:** completed applications, essays, transcripts, and letters of recommendation must be placed in a sealed envelope and either hand delivered and dated by the scholarship committee chair or postmarked before midnight on **April 30, 2020** for applicants to receive scholarship consideration. Scholarship applications should be mailed to:

**GFBPA Scholarship Committee Chair  
c/o Cristina White  
401 Cassway Arch  
Chesapeake, VA 23323**

Application procedural questions and/or concerns may be directed to: [GFBPA.Spiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:GFBPA.Spiritwear@gmail.com)

Note: Only the Committee chair can receive Scholarship Applications. They must arrive by mail or in person.

Dates/Times will be announced (via email, social media, and in band class) to allow submission in person to the Committee Chair, via hand-delivery (a drop box is provided at the address to ensure delivery without contact) or mailed to the address above.

A scholarship review panel will convene to select the scholarship award recipients for 2020. Panel members will rate an applicant's package based on the strength and quality of their entire submission. Incomplete applications, late submissions, or applications that are missing one or multiple parts will be disqualified from consideration.

The GFBPA is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, age, or handicap. GFBPA commits itself to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of those characteristics.

**2021 GRASSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**Personal Information:** (Please type or print all information in the application)

Name:

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Last

First

Middle

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Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship:

If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted to any College/University/Technical School?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where have you been accepted to/where do you plan to attend?

\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated field of study (does not have to be music): \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded a scholarship, additional college information will be required before the scholarship can be processed. Applicant's college of choice may be changed prior to final award distribution.

**Academic Performance:**

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / 4.0(non-weighted); \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (weighted); Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Participation in Band Programs and/or Music-/Performance- Related Activities at Grassfield High School:**

Please describe your participation in high school band programs by year. You may attach additional pieces of paper if needed.

<b>Freshman</b>	<b>Program/Activity</b>	<b>Sponsoring Band Organization</b>

<b>Sophomore</b>	<b>Program/Activity</b>	<b>Sponsoring Band Organization</b>

<b>Junior</b>	<b>Program/Activity</b>	<b>Sponsoring Band Organization</b>

<b>Senior</b>	<b>Program/Activity</b>	<b>Sponsoring Band Organization</b>

**Leadership Positions:**

Please provide a description of your leadership positions and/or significant contributions to furthering band-related activities. Please include the year in which you were in that leadership position and any other relevant information.

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**Music/Performance Honors and Awards:**

Please list any music/performance and band related honors and awards you have received within your Grassfield High School career. Please include individual awards at the District, Regional and State levels.

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**Leaving a Legacy:**

Please provide a brief statement of your legacy at Grassfield High School. How have you influenced and inspired other students around you? How has the Grassfield High School Band Program benefited from your participation?

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**Affirmation Statement:**

All information given in this form, to the best of my knowledge, is accurate and truthful.

**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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