

DARTMOUTH SCHOOL MUSIC
ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
POLICY

2016-2017

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The Dartmouth School Music Association will award scholarships to ***qualifying Dartmouth High School Senior Students of D.S.M.A. members.*** (Membership must have existed for **three years*****, one of which is the student's senior year; and must have been renewed before **OCTOBER 31, 2016**)

The senior student must be **attending** a school of continuing education within twelve (12) months of being awarded the scholarship.

Any student who is part of the music program as a senior and has special circumstances, such as a transfer student, must be approved by the Director of Music in order to be classified as eligible.

Only those senior students who meet the criteria listed in the D.S.M.A. By-laws will be sent an application. If a senior feels they are eligible and have not received an application, they must inquire with the Scholarship Chairperson as to whether or not they are eligible.

The following will be expected from all scholarships applicants in order to be considered:

1. Membership requirement must be met as stated above.
2. Ad book participation 3 of 4 years (this requirement is new beginning with graduating class of 2015)
3. Completed application
2. A letter of recommendation from a Music Instructor
3. A letter of recommendation from one other instructor at Dartmouth High School, not of the Music Department

The D.S.M.A. Scholarship Application and **all the requirements listed on the application must be completed in full.**

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following formula:

- All D.S.M.A. Sponsored Fund Raisers
 - Mandatory fund raisers 20%
 - All other fund raisers 15%

[Example... if there are three (3) mandatory fundraisers each year and the student participates in ten (10) of the twelve (12), he/she will get credit for 10/12 x 20%. If in the four (4) years there are fourteen (14) other fundraisers and he/she participates in only six (6), he/she will get credit for 6/14 x 15%]

Participation in Foxboro Fundraiser will be given mandatory credit even though it is considered a non-mandatory fundraiser. (i.e. no penalty for non-participation)

- GPA to be obtained by written verification from the Guidance Office = 15%
- SAT Official Scores Obtained from SAT website = 10%

S.A.T Scores will be worth a % amount based on the student's scores:

900 – 1199	will be awarded	2%
1200 – 1499	will be awarded	4%
1500 – 1799	will be awarded	6%
1800 – 2099	will be awarded	8%
2100 – 2400	will be awarded	10%

- Music Grade – obtained from the Music Department = 15%

Grade of	A	=	15%
	B	=	10%
	C	=	5 %
	D	=	1 %
	Below D	=	0 %
- Recommendation from your music instructor = 15%(use form included with application)
This recommendation form will have a built-in % scale in regards to:
 - Musicianship 3%
 - Attitude 3%
 - Cooperation 3%
 - Leadership Skills 3%
 - Reliability 3%
 The instructor will also have the opportunity to write comments.
- The recommendation from another instructor, not from the Music Department = 10% (use form included with application)
- This recommendation form will also have a built-in % scale in regards to:
 - Attitude 2.5%
 - Cooperation 2.5%
 - Leadership Skills 2.5%
 - Reliability 2.5%
 The instructor will also have the opportunity to write comments.

Once the scores have been tallied based on the above criteria, the Scholarship Committee will determine the monetary amount of the scholarships based on the students' actual score .

THE SCHOLARSHIP MUST BE REQUESTED ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED, AND ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL OF HIGHER EDUCATION. YOU HAVE TWELVE (12) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF NOTIFICATION THAT YOU RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP TO REQUEST THAT SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE D.S.M.A. (THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS.)

The scholarships will be dispersed to the student once the following criteria have been met. The D.S.M.A. Treasurer must be presented with a receipted bill showing a tuition payment to the school of higher education along with a copy of the method of payment (cancelled check, money order receipt, credit card transaction, etc.) The D.S.M.A. Treasurer must receive **BOTH** of these items in order for you to receive your scholarship funds.

In regards to the Memorial Scholarships which have been set up through generous persons, to be awarded through the D.S.M.A.... these will either be listed on the D.S.M.A. Scholarship Application and will be awarded to qualified applicants based on the criteria set forth in the D.S.M.A. Scholarship application/policy handbook or they will have a separate application, approved by the D.S.M.A., along with any specific requirements set up by the families. If you feel you qualify for any of these Memorial Scholarships, please fill out the appropriate form(s).

Scholarship Fund raising – We encourage all students to participate in earning the funds necessary to keep D.S.M.A. functioning. These include, but again, are not limited to: dances, breakfasts/suppers, Golf Tournament, NY Theatre/Shopping trips, and any other type of money-making idea we can come up with. (New ideas are always welcome). Proceeds from these types of fund raisers go directly into the D.S.M.A. operating account.

There is one fundraiser that directly benefits the D.S.M.A. Scholarship Fund. That is the Annual Ad Book Fundraiser. This ad book showcases many local businesses in a booklet that is printed and distributed at two large events per year. This sole fundraiser provides the funding for all scholarships. Therefore, beginning with graduating class 2015 there will be a new REQUIRED participation for this fundraiser.

******New Requirement***

Beginning with graduating class 2015, a music student will have to participate in the ad book fundraiser 3 of 4 years to be eligible for a scholarship. Graduating classes 2012 2013 2014 will be excluded from this requirement.

The Scholarship Policies are periodically reviewed and/or changed. If there are any questions in regards to this policy, please direct them to either the Scholarship Committee Chair(s), President of the D.S.M.A. or the Director of Music at Dartmouth High School.

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