



Dartmouth School Music Association – How Things Work!

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Each year the DSMA raises about \$100,000 to support the music and performance programs in the Dartmouth Public School system. We raise this money through various fund raising events and programs held throughout the year. The DSMA is a 501 3c Certified Non-Profit Organization and all contributions are fully tax deductible. The money raised goes directly back to the students that participate in the various music programs offered in the District and has helped make Dartmouth known across the country as one of the most talented and successful music programs year after year for over twenty five years!

Where does the money raised go? We offer the following general breakdown as an illustration of how the money is spent. A full, line-item budget is available upon request that itemizes all income and disbursements for each year.

Scholarships \$ 8,000 - \$10,000 Yearly

The DSMA awards scholarships to deserving high school seniors each year to be used to further their education in college

Marching Band/Indoor and Color Guard Programs \$ 60,000 - \$70,000 Yearly

Includes Music rights, props, equipment, staff stipends, vehicle rentals, plane fares, entry fees, trophies, food, water, snacks, costumes/materials etc.

Vehicle Maintenance/rentals \$ 10,000 - \$15,000 Yearly

The DSMA owns and maintains an 18 wheel tractor trailer that is used to transport instruments and props to and from regional competitions. It also rents a tractor for longer distance shows such as Connecticut and the championships in New Jersey and Dayton Ohio. The DSMA also rents a box type truck to transport instruments to and from parades and the color guard props to and from performances.

Miscellaneous Expenses \$ 3,000 - 5,000 Yearly

Insurance, web site host fees, custodial cafeteria fees, financial assistance to students

These monies are all raised through the efforts of the DSMA, its dedicated students, their families and our volunteers and does not come from within the Dartmouth Public School Budget. The money raised allows Dartmouth to offer a top caliber music and performance opportunity to all Dartmouth students without any application fees regardless of a family's ability to pay. Your continued support will help the DSMA continue Dartmouth's tradition of nationally recognized musical performance for years to come. Thank you for your support!

Your friends at the Dartmouth School Music Association

