## Dartmouth School Music Association Scholarship Policy 2022-2023

The DSMA will award scholarships to Dartmouth High School Senior Music Students that have met the following criteria:

- 1. The student must be attending a school of continuing education within twelve months of being awarded the scholarship.
- 2. Membership must have existed for three years, one of which is the student's senior year; and must have been renewed before October 31, 2022.
- 3. The student must participate in the annual ad book for three years of involvement with the program. One of those years must be senior year.
- 4. Gillette participation is required by the student or designee junior and senior year.

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.

Senior students that meet the criteria listed above will be given 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 scholarship applicants in addition to the above:

- 1. Completed application submitted by the deadline on the application, no exceptions
- 2. A letter of recommendation from a Music Instructor
- 3. A letter of recommendation from one other instructor at Dartmouth High School outside of the Music Department

Scholarship awards will start with a base rate and increase according to how the following criteria is met:

- Gillette participation prior to junior and senior years
- Participation in two music/guard activities per year
- Music recommendation score 40-50 points
- Academic recommendation score 30-40 points

The Director of Music and instructors of the performing groups will present their recommendations to the Scholarship Committee in reference to the applicant's contribution, participation and attitude; plans for further music study; active participation in DSMA activities; and academic record.

The Scholarship Committee will determine the amount of each scholarship awarded based on total funds raised as well as the number of students eligible to participate. (see DSMA by-laws)

Scholarship recipients have twelve (12) months from the date of notification that you received a scholarship to request that scholarship from the DSMA, no exceptions! The DSMA Treasurer must be presented with a statement showing a tuition payment to the school of higher education. Once received, the Scholarship Award will be mailed to the student.

Scholarship Fundraising – We encourage all students to participate in earning the funds necessary to keep DSMA functioning; this includes participating in the ad book. Proceeds from most fundraisers go directly into the DSMA operating account with the exception of the ad book. It is a major fundraiser that

directly benefits the DSMA Scholarship Fund. The ad book showcases many local businesses in a booklet that is distributed during at least 2 events per year.

These Scholarship Policies are periodically reviewed and/or changed. If there are any questions in regards to these policies, please direct them to the DSMA.

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