



2021 Music Education Scholarship

sponsored by Massachusetts Music Educators Association Western District

Purpose:

The purpose of the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Western District (MMEA-WD) Music Education Scholarship is to assist worthy students in meeting the cost of attending an accredited four year college in preparation for a career in music education. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, students must be entering into a music education program at an accredited college or university in the fall of 2021.

Instructions:

Complete the attached scholarship application and mail to the address listed below. In addition to the application, the following must be submitted:

1. A typewritten essay describing:
 - A. Why you see yourself having a career in music education. Please include any experiences you have had that led you to this decision.
 - B. The financial need prompting this application (why you need financial assistance).
 - C. Your academic and musical participation in junior/senior high school, including any MMEA sponsored activities, honors, awards, and/or recognition you have received.
2. One letter of recommendation from each of the following:
 - A. Your high school music department sponsor (must be a **current MMEA** member)
 - B. Another teacher or guidance counselor who knows you well
3. A copy of your high school transcript
4. All contributing parents'/guardians' completed or estimated 2020 federal income tax return(s). Please omit Social Security numbers.

All material must be postmarked by Thursday, April 1, 2021 and mailed to:

Scholarship Committee MMEA-WD
c/o Carol Forward
East Longmeadow High School
180 Maple St.
East Longmeadow, MA 01028



Application evaluation criteria:

Applications will be evaluated by a committee of music educators using the following criteria, in order of importance:

1. Articulated commitment to a career in music education
2. Demonstrated financial need
3. Musical achievement during junior/senior high school, including participation in NAFME, MMEA and MMEA-WD festivals.
4. Academic achievement during junior/senior high school
5. Overall balance between music and other academic subjects, as well as extra-curricular activities.

Scholarship Details:

The award is a one time, non-renewable award. The value of the scholarship is determined annually by the district's Executive Board and general membership. Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the student upon submission of the first semester college transcript provided the student has attained a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The deadline for submitting college transcripts is March 1, 2022. Requests received after this date will not be honored.

Other information:

Scholarship recipient(s) and their immediate families will be invited to the MMEA-WD spring meeting in May to be recognized by the membership for receiving the scholarship.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to

Carol Forward, MMEA-WD Scholarship Committee Chairperson
carol.forward@eastlongmeadowma.gov



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Name _____

E-mail address _____ Phone number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

What college/institution do you plan to attend? _____

Have you already been accepted? _____ Is your deposit paid? _____

Grade Point Average _____ AND/OR Rank in Class _____

Mother's occupation _____

Father's occupation _____

Number of siblings and their ages _____

Participation in District, MMEA All-State, and MENC Eastern Division Concerts:

Please fill in the year next to each grade, then write in the instrument/voice part and ensemble performed in for each concert.

	Year	Instrument/ Voice Part	Western District Ensemble	MMEA All-State Ensemble	NAFME Eastern Division Ensemble	NAfME National Division Ensemble
9th Grade						
10th Grade						
11th Grade						
12th Grade						

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The information set forth in the above application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student's signature_____

Name of your high school_____

School address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Parent's Name: (print) _____

Signature_____

Music Department Sponsor: Name (print)_____

Signature_____

Guidance Department/Counselor: Name (print)_____

Signature_____

School Principal/Headmaster: Name (print)_____

Signature_____

The application, essay, tax return, letters of recommendation and high school transcript must be mailed to Carol Forward and postmarked no later than April 1, 2021 to:

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