

# **Cedar Ridge High School Band Scholarship**

## **2019 - 2020 Program Guidelines**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the CRHS Band Scholarship is to acknowledge those who have actively participated in the band program, and to honor the accomplishments of the outstanding selected senior Band member(s). The Band Scholarship is an award which is based on recognition of the contributions, individual growth, scholastic performance, participation, and tenure of senior Band member(s) during their time at high school. This document defines the process for selecting the senior student(s) who will be awarded a scholarship to further their education after high school graduation.

### **Amount of Award:**

The amount and number of awards may vary from year-to-year based on the available funds from the CRHS Band Booster Club. The CRHS Band Booster Scholarship Committee will review the proposed Booster Club budget for the upcoming school year, and recommend the amount and number of proposed awards to the Booster Club Executive Board.

With the 2019-2020 school year, the Cedar Ridge High School Band Booster Club will offer up to four (4) \$500 scholarships to qualified seniors. The appointed Scholarship Review Committee will base the evaluation on a point system and an essay rubric. The top qualifying scores will be awarded the scholarships. If there are two or more applicants with the same number of points, their essays will be re-evaluated (anonymously) by a third party chosen by the scholarship committee.

The Cedar Ridge High School Band Booster Scholarship Committee will keep the names of the recipients confidential until the CRHS Senior Awards Ceremony.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Any and all senior Band members at Cedar Ridge High School in good standing in accordance with CRHS Band Booster, district, and campus guidelines are eligible to apply.
2. Applicants must fill out a scholarship form and return it to the CRHS Band Booster Club.
3. Filing deadlines are determined by the CRHS Band Booster Scholarship Committee.
4. A CRHS local scholarship form must be completed and on file in the school Counseling office. Local scholarship filing deadlines are established by the Counseling office and/or lead counselor.
5. Scholarship applicants must be a full-time RRISD senior student for a minimum of one (1) full semester prior to the application deadline.

6. Any and all applications which do not have the required information will be considered incomplete and returned to the applicant.
7. No applications submitted past the application deadline will be considered.
8. Proof of enrollment in an accredited institution (junior college, college, university, technical/trade school, military academy or other career course) is required prior to the release of funds.
9. Applicants are not required to be a music major.

**Scholarship Disbursement:**

Funds will be disbursed to the recipient's choice of a junior college, college, university, technical/trade school, military academy or other career course upon receipt of a letter of verification of enrollment from the respective institution.

If the recipient is enrolled during the Fall semester, this letter must be received by December 1st of the year the scholarship was received. If the recipient is enrolled during the following Spring semester, then the letter must be received by January 31st, following receipt of the scholarship.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to inform the Booster Club of his/her intention to begin enrollment in either semester. If verification of enrollment is not received by the deadlines, the CRHS Scholarship Committee and/or Booster Club will assume the recipient has forfeited the scholarship.

The disbursement check for the scholarship funds will be made payable to the junior college, college, university or other qualifying educational institution (trade school, military academy, etc.) with the recipient's name referenced on the check. Documentation for the disbursement of funds shall include an invoice from the junior college, college, university or other qualifying institution.

**Scholarship Committee:**

A Scholarship Committee comprised of an odd number (5 or 7) of CRHS Band Booster Club (CHRSBB) members will review and rate the scholarship applications. These CHRSBB members must not have a student graduating in the Class of 2020.

The committee must be appointed by the Booster Club Vice President before the first day of the academic year. The sponsor shall not be involved in the work of the Scholarship Review Committee.

Identifying information will be redacted from the scholarship applications, assigned a tracking number, and evaluated on merit.