

Brookfield Band & Guard Parent Association (DBA – Bobcat Pit Crew)
Marching Band & Color Guard - SCHOLARSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES
Scholarship Award Period ~ 2012-2014
Fourth Amended - June 2011, Revision 062211A

1. Scholarship Awards - \$12,000 has been earmarked for 2012-2014 awards.

There will be four (4) One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000) scholarships awarded. Scholarships will be awarded **only** to students who plan to further their education in college or trade school, and the awards will be made payable to that institution. The four (4) awards are: One scholarship for a guard member, One scholarship for a marching band member intending to major in the music field, One scholarship for a marching band member with a non-music major, and One Committee Choice scholarship open to **all** remaining approved applicants. In the event that NO marching band member intends to major in the music field, both Marching band scholarships will be awarded to marching band members. In the event that there are NO qualified Marching band Members, both of the Marching band scholarships will become Committee Choice scholarships. In the event that there are NO qualified Guard Members, the Guard scholarship will become a Committee Choice scholarship. If for any reason there are less than four applicants for the scholarships, only that number of awards shall be granted and the non-awarded scholarship will be allocated to Program Improvement.

2. Scholarship Award Committee

The Scholarship Award Committee shall consist of 4-6 band and guard parents. The optimum committee will be three guard parents and three marching band parents, one each from the freshman, sophomore and junior classes. The minimum committee will have 2 junior parents and one parent from the sophomore and freshman classes. Parents of seniors are not eligible to serve on this committee.

3. Scholarship Notification

The Scholarship Award Committee Chairperson will notify all eligible seniors of the requirements, deadlines, and interview schedules, by U.S. Postal mail, email or phone, but two (2) communication mediums must be used.

4. Scholarship Requirements

Applicants will be required to complete an application and a written essay, which must be returned to the Scholarship Award Committee prior to the deadline for review. Upon completion of the review by the Scholarship Award Committee an interview between the student and the committee will be scheduled.

5. Judging

The awarding of the scholarships will be based on the application, the essay, and the interview, and will be judged on the criteria set forth in these guidelines. Except for the Committee Choice scholarship, the Committee will refrain from using outside criteria (i.e. church participation, National Honor Society, Students of Service, Peer Group Counseling) not directly relating to the band and guard program in their decision making process. Input from the Band Director should only be used when a decision by the Committee for a specific award cannot be reached.

6. Scholarship Award Committee Decisions

The decision regarding the awarding of the scholarships is solely the responsibility of the Scholarship Award Committee, and is considered to be final. The results of this decision making process shall be kept secret until the Senior Awards assembly prior to graduation. However, results may be shared with the Executive Board.

7. Budget

The Bobcat Pit Crew Scholarships will be a yearly budgeted item in the Pit Crew budget.

8. Modifications & Changes

Dissolution of, or changes to this program must be recommended by a duly formed and authorized Scholarship Requirements Committee. Their recommendations must be presented to the Executive Board first, and then communicated to the Pit Crew members in attendance during a monthly meeting of the Pit Crew. If it is chosen that changes to the Scholarship Requirements are indicated, the recommendation must be brought to the floor requiring a vote by the members in attendance, resulting in a majority vote in favor of said changes.

9. Eligibility Requirements

Guard: Two (2) full seasons in the Guard program (both fall **and** winter guard together constitutes one season), one of which must be the student's senior year.

Marching Band: Two (2) full seasons in the Band program (both marching **and** concert band OR both marching & jazz band together constitutes one season), one of which must be the student's senior year.

Fees: The required \$70 Participation Fee must have been paid in full for each year the student participated in the Band & Guard program up to and including the 2010-2011 school year.

Eligible Students: A record of all eligible students will be retained with the Executive Committee records.

Exceptions: The Scholarship Award Committee must present to the Executive Board first, and then to the full membership of the Pit Crew in attendance at a monthly Pit Crew meeting any and all exceptions to the criteria before considering a student for scholarship eligibility.

10. Judging Criteria

Basic judging criteria:

- Attitude regarding the program
- Eagerness to participate in the program
- Commitment to the Marching band/Guard program
- Dedication
- Leadership
- Willingness to help other students
- Cooperation with Band Director and instructors
- Participation/tenure
- Willingness to participate in associated activities (i.e. fundraising, volunteering)

Additional Criteria for Music Major Scholarship

- Need and/or use of music to express oneself
- Commitment to improving ones' musical skills
- Pursuit of music through related activities (i.e. tutoring younger students, recruiting members for marching band, and participation in ensembles, choral groups or other musical endeavors)

Additional Criteria for Committee Choice Scholarship

- Full involvement in Marching band/Guard program for four years or more
- Constructively discuss positive/negative aspects of the Marching band/Guard program
- Willingness to "go above and beyond" requirements of the program (i.e. learn new instrument to help program, volunteer for moving equipment, attend additional competitions even though BHS is not competing)
- Proven desire to excel in **all** aspects of school, not just Marching band/Guard.

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