

2009

## 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.

**Instructions:**

Complete the Scholarship Application to be downloaded from the MMEA-WD website ([www.geocities.com/mmeawd/district](http://www.geocities.com/mmeawd/district)) and mail to the address listed below.

**In addition to the Application, the following must be submitted:**

1. A typewritten essay describing:
  - The financial need prompting this application (why you need financial assistance)
  - Your college plans including major and anticipated vocation following graduation
  - Both your academic and musical participation in junior/senior high school, including any honors, awards, and/or recognition you have received
2. Letters of recommendation from each of the following:
  - Your high school music department sponsor (an MMEA member)
  - Another teacher or guidance counselor who knows you well
3. A copy of your high school transcript
4. Parents' completed or estimated 2008 federal income tax return

**All material must be postmarked by March 2, 2009 and mailed to:**

**Scholarship Committee  
MMEA-WD  
c/o Paul Calcari  
1 Lenox Avenue  
Greenfield, MA 01301**

**Evaluation and Award:**

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

- Commitment to a career in music education
- Financial need
- Musical achievement during junior/senior high school, including participation in District, All-State and All-Eastern festivals
- Academic achievement during junior/senior high school
- Overall balance between music and other academic subjects, as well as extra-curricular activities

The value of the scholarship(s) 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's grade report, provided the student has a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, and proof of payment of tuition.

**Other information:**

- The MMEA-WD Music Education Scholarship winners will be recognized at school graduation or awards ceremonies.
- Scholarship recipient(s) and their immediate families will be invited to the MMEA-WD Spring dinner meeting in May to be recognized by the membership for receiving the scholarship.
- Questions regarding the application process may be directed to Paul Calcari, MMEA-WD Scholarship Committee Chairperson, at [paucal1@gpsk12.org](mailto:paucal1@gpsk12.org).