



2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Unit Director-

The Purpose of the Michigan Color Guard Circuit Scholarship Program is to.....

- *Provide participants the opportunity to further develop their technical skill.*
- *Encourage them to bring back new ideas, experiences and knowledge.*
- *Encourage the recipients to become instructors, designers and administrators within the Michigan Color Guard Circuit.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:

- All scholarship monies not claimed within one calendar year shall be forfeited and the money shall be returned to the scholarship fund.
- Scholarships are not transferable from person to person.
- The Scholarship Committee must approve scholarships being transferred from organization to organization.
- The Michigan Color Guard Circuit will only provide scholarships for the following performance activities:
 - 1. Drum and Bugle Corps dues and other similar programs such as touring music ensembles.
 - 2. Winter guard, winter percussion ensemble and indoor band dues.
 - 3. Color guard clinic fees such as Fred Miller clinics, Central Michigan University color guard clinics, and MSU color guard clinics.
 - 4. Music camps such as Interlochen Arts Academy and Blue Lakes Fine Arts camps.
 - 5. Judges clinics.
 - 6. Fees for other marching activities.
- The Michigan Color Guard Circuit will not award scholarships for the following:
 - 1. Private instruction.
 - 2. Current or past unit dues.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- All applications must be postmarked on or before **March 1, 2018**.
- All parts of the scholarship application must be mailed together **IN ONE ENVELOPE** and be postmarked to the MCGC Scholarship Committee by the deadline date, **March 1, 2018**.
- (3) Letters of recommendation must be **INCLUDED** in the application packet. (Letters of recommendation **WILL NOT** be accepted by email to the Scholarship Committee)
- ALL recommendation letters must be **HAND SIGNED** and given to the student **IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE STUDENTS NAME ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE**.
- The unit director **MUST** sign all applications as well as a parent/guardian if the applicant is a minor.
- All applications will contain an essay (with requirements to be determined by the scholarship committee.)

The committee would like to remind you:

- If you are asked to write a recommendation for more than one student, **EACH LETTER MUST BE DIFFERENT**. If your letters are similar, YOU have cost those students eligibility. Duplicate recommendation letters have been the cause for previous denial of scholarships. If the student respects you enough to ask for a letter, show them the same respect and write a recommendation letter that reflects the student in question.

Please make sure your students are aware of this procedure and encourage them to read ALL of the guidelines before applying.

Any questions should be forwarded to the scholarship committee via the MCGC website. Please refer to SCHOLARSHIP QUESTION in the subject line.

Sincerely,
MCGC Scholarship Committee

- **MAIL COMPLETED PACKET TO: MCGC SCHOLARSHIP**
c/o Lurasue Holcomb, 13517 Dempsey Road, Saint Charles, MI 48655-9700



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MANDATORY GUIDELINES

Below, is a check list of guidelines for you to complete prior to mailing in your scholarship packet.

I have fully completed the Scholarship Application **INCLUDING** obtaining my Unit Director's original signature **AND** the signature of a parent or guardian (if under the age of 18).

I have included a **SIGNED** letter, from the organization I am applying for, stating the fees they believe they will be charging in 2018/2019. I understand I must send in a copy of the actual fees statement when I send in my Scholarship Coupon before payment can be made. Any Scholarship originally awarded for more than the actual fees will be reduced to the amount of the actual fees.

I have written an original essay that is; **TYPED, DOUBLE SPACED, 12 PT. ARIAL FONT, MINIMUM 600, MAXIMUM 800 WORDS**, and describes the following:

- How MCGC and the units you have participated with have affected you.
- What are your future goals / plans with MCGC and/or their member units?
- How will the scholarship benefit you, why should you be awarded one over someone else, and what do you feel this committee should look for in an ideal scholarship applicant.

I have received three (3) letters of recommendations from an adult advisor. (**NOT** a family member); i.e. instructor, director, teacher, pastor, school counselor, etc.

- Advise your advisor that your letter **MUST BE** unique to you and not a form letter used for other applicants or your packet will not be considered for an award.
- Advise your advisor that their letter must be typed and signed (No Stamps) and must be placed in a **SEALED ENVELOPE** with the student's name on the front of the envelope.
 - (**Email letters of recommendation are not acceptable**).
- We will **NOT** accept unsigned letters of recommendations that are not included with the original packet.

I have included everything:

1. Scholarship Application; signed and dated by **ALL** appropriate persons.
2. **SIGNED** letter of expected dues.
3. An original essay; **TYPED, DOUBLE SPACED, 12 PT. ARIAL FONT, MINIMUM 600, MAXIMUM 800 WORDS**.
4. (3) **HAND signed** letters of recommendations in **INDIVIDUAL** labeled and sealed envelopes.
5. **Everything is** in one packet and make sure it is **POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2018**. We will not accept anything postmarked after this date.

- **Mail the entire packet to:**
- **MCGC c/o Laurasue Holcomb, 13517 Dempsey Road, St. Charles, Michigan 48655-9700.**

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Applicant's Name:	Your Name	Applicant's Age:	
Address:	Your Address		
City:	Your City	State:	Zip:
Email:	Your Email Address	Phone:	(XXX) XXX-XXXX
Your Current Unit Name:	What group are you currently marching with?	Number of Years Involved in MCGC:	
Activity to be used for:	Winterguard, Marching Band, Band Camp, Colorguard, Drum Corp, Clinics, Etc. (List one activity)		
Unit to be used for:	The unit's name and the activity you want the scholarship for. Example; 7th Star Winterguard	Amount Requesting:	\$ Actual Dollar amount
Organization and mailing information for scholarship check:	The address where you want the money sent so you can participate. Example: Band Boosters, Unit Director, Drum Corp, Etc. <p style="text-align: center;">Checks will only be made payable to the organization you are applying for.</p>		

Applicant's Signature

Today's Date

I certify by my signature that I have read through the guidelines and completed the checklist on page one of this application, and that all of the above information is true to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that if any information is found to be in error, I will not be eligible for an MCGC scholarship this year.

Applicant's Parent or Guardian Signature
(If Applicant is under 18 prior to March 1st.)

Today's Date

I certify by my signature that I have, along with my child, read through the guidelines and completed the checklist on page one of this application, and that all of the above information is true to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that if any information is found to be in error, my child will not be eligible for an MCGC scholarship this year.

Unit Director's Signature

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Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Email:		Phone:	
Your Current Unit Name:		Number of Years Involved in MCGC:	
Activity to be used for:			
Unit to be used for:		Amount Requesting:	
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