



June 6, 2018

Dear MCGC Board of Directors:

I again want to thank you for the opportunity to be involved in a wonderful activity and being able to help so many marching members and continue the sport of the arts in so many ways.

The following is the year end results for the 2018 Scholarship Committee.

1. Total of 8 scholarship raters volunteered.
2. We had a total of 65 applications for 2017 – 2018 year.
3. Of those: 24 passed the disqualification (DQ) process. This includes:
 - ❖ Verifying the receipt of all information to include:
 - i. The completed application,
 - ii. THREE (3) sealed AND labeled letters of recommendation (LOR),
 - iii. Fee/dues letter,
 - iv. Essay, with word count and font verified.
 - v. Application packet is postmarked on or before 03-01-18.
4. Leaving 41 being DQ'd for any of the following reasons:
 - ❖ Application not completed (missing information, i.e. missing date or signature of the applicant, missing phone number of applicant, parent or director, missing the organization and mailing information for scholarship check to be payable to).
 - ❖ LOR envelope not individual, labeled or sealed.
 - ❖ LOR not HAND signed (typed name does not qualify as a signature).
 - ❖ Missing essay
 - ❖ Missing fee/dues letter
 - ❖ Too many LOR's.
 - ❖ Word count (too many or too few words).
 - ❖ Essay not double spaced.
 - ❖ Application received after deadline.

After all of the tabulating was complete we did award \$7,925.00 in total scholarship awards.

We are still a work in process and trying to streamline procedure. We look forward to an even larger pool of applicants for the 2018 – 2019 season.

Yours musically,

Awards Committee Report 2018

Ordered

21 1st Place Trophies
15 2nd Place Trophies
68 3rd Place and below Trophies

Engraving on all 104 trophies

Awarded

320 Percussion Gold
182 Percussion Silver
106 Percussion Bronze
651 Percussion medals for 16 units

57 Winds Gold medals for 2 units

291 Guard Gold
235 Guard Silver
194 Guard Bronze
720 Guard medals for 31 units

Remaining stock

368 Royal Blue Lanyards
178 Royal Blue and White Lanyards

139 Gold Medals
216 Silver Medals
197 Bronze Medals

Cost per medal \$4.75

The medal count must be based on the number of performers on the floor not on the declared amount. We have a few units that continually state that they have xx of participants, but when we do the count of performers on the floor the declared count is 2 to 12 higher than what is on the floor.

We must use either the declared number or the count from the floor and then we add 7 (or 10 with bonus pack) and that is the number of medals that we give the unit. Any medals after the fact should come at a cost to the unit.

Thank you to Emma Goodman for assisting with all the awards before and the during the two days of championships.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Goodman
Awards Committee Chair



Laurasue Holcomb
Scholarship Committee Chair

Encl.: List of recipients name, award amount and current organization and organization for payment.

| <u>Applicant Name</u> | <u>Current Unit</u> | <u>Requested Amount</u> | <u>AWARD</u> | <u>Total Awarded</u> | <u>Requesting for :</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Austin VanRyn | Interplay | \$ 800.00 | \$ 600.00 | J. Stephen Yoder | Blue Stars Drum and Bugle Corps |
| Katelyn Swope | Resurgence Winter Guard | \$ 675.00 | \$ 600.00 | Orlando Suttles | Resurgence Winter Guard |
| Alec Levasseur | Huron Valley Percussion | \$3,700.00 | \$ 600.00 | Russ Jones | Legends Drum and Bugle Corps |
| Nicole Smith | Michigan Winter Ensemble | \$ 425.00 | \$ 425.00 | Dan Davish | Michigan Winter Ensemble |
| Monica Schurg | Odin Winter Guard | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | Dean Christopher | Odin Winter Guard / The Norse Guard |
| | | | \$2,375.00 | \$2,375.00 | |
| Kara Boersma | Exit 52 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Exit 52 |
| Rose Stedron | Flushing High School | \$ 600.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Flushing High School Winter Guard |
| Anna Grace Griggs | Resurgence Winter Guard | \$ 675.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Resurgence Winter Guard |
| Jacob Schoenherr | Farmington United Percussion Ensemble | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps |
| Sophia Aneshansel | Plymouth Canton Winter Guard | \$ 500.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Plymouth Canton Marching Band |
| William Lickteig | Plymouth Canton Winter Percussion | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Plymouth Canton Winter Percussion |
| Taylor Davis | Exit 52 | \$ 350.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Exit 52 |
| Jessica Butala | Odin WG | \$ 750.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps |
| Katelyn Marie Taylor | Ferndale Marching Band | \$ 700.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Ferndale Marching Band |
| Joshua McKenzie | Hudsonville Winter Drumline | \$ 950.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Hudsonville Winter Drumline |
| Noelle Merrifield | Mt Pleasant Winter Guard | \$ 350.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Mt. Pleasant Color Guard |
| Clarice Bryant | Portage Northern | \$ 410.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Portage Northern Winter Guard |



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| Allison Vanderwall | Hudsonville Public Schools | \$ 650.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Hudsonville Marching Band |
| Christian Cole | Impact Percussion | \$ 500.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Flushing Raider Marching Band |
| Abby Manning | Interplay | \$ 1,200.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Interplay Winter Guard |
| Gretchen VanderWall | Hudsonville Public Schools | \$ 650.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Hudsonville Marching Band |
| Morgan Brown | Chippewa Valley Winter Guard Red Team | \$ 150.00 | \$ 150.00 | | Chippewa Valley Band Camp - Colorguard |
| Maya Vargas | Dakota Winter Guard | \$ 575.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Dakota Marching Band Colorguard |
| Kyla Ditmyer | Huron Valley Percussion | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 300.00 | | Huron Valley Percussion Winter Drumline |
| | | \$18,310.00 | \$5,550.00 | \$5,550.00 | |
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MCGC CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

Any additional suggestions are welcomed at champsmcgc@gmail.com

The Championships Committee will meet with the goal of developing action plans from the suggestion books stationed around the Ryder Center. Anyone that has special interest in any of these tasks is invited to join the committee.

New Things for 2018

- Family Pack discount was eliminated (complicated accounting.) Pre-sale price \$12.00
- There was a price increase for vendor booths
- Pre-sale was done by championships committee, not the hosts and only for the two show week-ends prior to championships. Sales were down and some individuals that purchased tickets (and their groups did not qualify) were upset that there were no refunds available.
- ATM in Ryder Center—had money in it—how novel
- Successful bids submitted and accepted on programs, t-shirts and volunteers. Cheerful promotion of these great fundraising advantages to the membership was very helpful. The amount of bids received was very exciting, however, the communications regarding the bids acceptance and follow-up seemed to be lacking.
- This year (with Easter so early—thus Championships a week later) we were within days of another huge event at SVSU—the dreaded robotics conference. This is a huge money maker for SVSU—it was clear that any compromises to be made would be made by us, however many of the building improvements that we saw (fresh paint, new doors) were in place due to this event. Because the timeline between the two events was so short, the bleachers that were in the turf room needed to be set up prior to our event. We knew that going in and negotiated alternate spaces for the necessary functions; the upper deck for picnic area and the SW corner of the fieldhouse for floor folding. We were given these areas at no additional cost since we were “evicted” from our normal space. For the most part, it worked out quite well.
- There were snafus on Friday evening, starting out with discovering that accessing the bleachers was to be forbidden for us. During pre-event discussions there was no mention of restricted bleacher access. There was a mad scramble to find alternate “homeroom” spaces for all of the units. This quite frustrating on Friday night, but in the end perhaps loud stomping on portable bleachers may not have been a great idea.
- There was also an issue with the routing/warm-up schedule for Percussion/Winds Day. The second floor room is not rented for Sunday due to stairs access for these units. The schedule needs to reflect this.
- Successfully monitored and enforced that ticket upgrades were for volunteers only
- We had to rent our own refrigerator, SVSU will not provide
- Cash Control changed locations
- The 75 unit limit for Saturday was implemented. The process of determining qualification was not within the purview of the Championships Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

PRIOR TO SEASON

- Coordinated dates w/SVSU (we are *penciled* in for 2019)
- Committee met to review suggestion books and discuss success/failures from 2017. We scheduled multiple walk-thrus in advance of event to determine how to use the space most efficiently, especially with the concessions that had to be made for the Robotics event

PRE-EVENT

- Worked with outside vendors on tickets, wristbands and signage
- Designed forms for Program Bidding, T-Shirt Bidding, Volunteer Corps and Vendor Booth Application
- Hotel Arrangements; judges, board and contest staff
- Catering Arrangements
- Announcer Selection
- First Aid Personnel Selection
- Arrange for Insurance
- Coordinate transportation for judges (as needed)
- Sent out press release
- Work with Saginaw County Convention and Visitors Bureau for calendar listings
- Constant dialogue with SVSU personnel regarding schedule, signage, facility set-up
- Assign workers and volunteer corps personnel to job matrix
- E-mail job assignments to workers and unit directors from volunteer corps coordinator
- Work w/ treasurer on start-up change and cash drops
- Inventory of signs, cash boxes, wristbands, supplies
- Shop for hospitality items not included
- Shop for additional supplies for worker station kits
- Discussions with key members of championships committee members and board

DURING EVENT

- Dialogue committee and contest staff
- Meet with SVSU building supervisor(s)
- Coordinated signage
- Supervised load-in with committee and other helpers
- Set-up and monitor check-in areas (volunteer & unit)
- Set-up and monitor cash control area
- Set-up and monitor hospitality room
- Set-up and monitor turf room
- Set-up and monitor front of house
- Strike at end of event
- Work with the treasurer to make sure that final bills properly authorized and paid

INTERESTING FACTS

- See Treasurer's report listing expenses and incomes
- There are lots to hold 3000 cars within a ½ mile of the Ryder Center. MCGC pays to a fee to SVSU so there is FREE PARKING FOR ALL
- Some great people come together to help with this event

Notes for 2019

Write committee report at championships

What to do about capacity concerns—this continues to be an issue

Pre-event ticket sales was still not ideal—should pre-sale go away?

Continue to laminate and color code the signs (not done this year due to budget restraints)

We would like to thank the following for a fantastic job with 42nd annual championships event:

- **Awards:** Laura Goodman, Emma Goodman
- **Vendors:** Tom Weidner, Joe Moschetti
- **Volunteer Coordination:** Jamie Benigna
- **Volunteer Corps:** Walled Lake Central
- **Communications:** Dan Love
- **Announcers:** Dan Love, Donald Westphal, Art Lewis (Sharon MacLean had to cancel at last minute due to flu—thanks Dan for stepping in at the last second)
- **Cash Control:** Renee Cole, Ann Love
- **Hospitality:** LuAnn Ebenhoh , Michell King
- **Pre-Sale Tickets:** LuAnn Ebenhoh, Lisa Passmore
- **Retreat:** Brian Liwak, Dan King
- **Sound:** Phil Jones
- **Strike:** Genesis and G2
- **Special Assistance:** Greg Cole, Bill Prout, Micah Prout, Kerry Prout, Lisa Passmore, MCGC Board of Directors, all unit representative volunteers, and other volunteers who came out to help “just because.”
- **Event Management:** Tom Weidner, Brian Liwak, Dan King, Dan Love, Jamie Benigna

Respectfully Submitted

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