



# SHAWNEE BAND

## PARENT ASSOCIATION

PO BOX 132 MEDFORD NJ 08055

January 1, 2019

Dear Senior Band Member:

You are invited to apply for the 2019 Shawnee Band Parents Association Scholarship. According to SBPA By-Laws, you must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to apply:

- 1) You must have at least one parent or guardian who is a **current and paid member of the SBPA** for the fall marching band season of your senior year. (Qualified paid membership is due yearly by October 31.)
- 2) You must be an active member in at least one of Shawnee High School's band programs for a **minimum of 2 years, including your senior year.**
- 3) You must intend to enroll in an accredited institution of higher learning starting the fall semester following graduation. You must be able to show proof of matriculation, should you be awarded a scholarship.

The 2018/2019 SBPA Scholarship Committee will evaluate the following **selection criteria**:

- 1) Participation in Shawnee Marching Band (Instrumental or Color Guard)
- 2) Participation in extracurricular activities
- 3) Awards/Recognition/Leadership Positions
- 4) 2 Short Essays -- each no more than 300 words long. Please devote adequate time and attention to this task. We expect you to use your best writing skills.

### **APPLICATION DIRECTIONS (Follow them carefully!):**

NEW for 2018/2019 -- the preferred method for submitting your application will be via Google Forms. If you need to submit a paper application instead, directions for doing so are also included. Applications must be sent and received by March 15, 2019.

The scholarship committee uses a blind review method of evaluating applications. Please **do not** place your name anywhere on the application except where indicated. Do not include your name within any of your answers to the scholarship questions.

Upon submission of your application, you will receive an automatic confirmation from Google Forms. Then, upon receipt of your application, a member of the Executive Board\* will verify your eligibility for scholarship. Anyone who does not meet the basic eligibility requirements as outlined at the beginning of this letter, will be notified by US Mail of their disqualification. Qualified applications will then be turned over to the Scholarship Committee for evaluation and rating.

If you wish to mail your application instead of submitting it via the Google Form:

Download a printed copy of the application from <https://shawneebandparents.org/forms/>.

Fill out the application completely. Include your name only where indicated and print your student ID number on each page.

Make a copy of your completed application.

Use first class mail and request a Certificate of Mailing (form 3817) from the post office.

Mail application to Shawnee Band Parents Association, Inc.

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P. O. Box 132

Medford, NJ 08055

Complete the mailing on or before the due date (March 15, 2019).

You will receive an email indicating that we have received your application.

If your written application is lost in the mail, you will be asked to submit your copy of the application and the certificate of mailing showing that the item was mailed by the due date. If you are unable to provide **both** a copy of your answers **and** proof of timely mailing, you will be disqualified.

Applications must be received by **March 15, 2019** or be accompanied by a Certificate of Mailing indicating it was mailed no later than **March 15, 2019**. The deadline is firm, and exceptions cannot be made.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jenn Pulliam at 609-321-0110. It is our hope that you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and apply for the 2018/2019 SBPA Scholarship. We look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Jenn Pulliam, Chairperson

2018/2019 SBPA Scholarship Committee

Jen Barrett

Maddy Goldman

Marie Hansen

Ann Magee

\*The Executive Board member who reviews your eligibility will be one who is not the parent of one of your fellow senior classmates. Likewise, the members of the Scholarship Committee do not have children who are seniors.