

## **BLACKSTONE- MILLVILLE MUSIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

The goal of the Blackstone-Millville Music Association is to support all music programs. The organization has, over the years, increased its commitment to funding scholarships. The amount made available may vary from year to year, and the total available each year is determined by the sitting BMMA Executive Board. The number of applicants in each category also varies from year to year.

The Executive Board shall appoint a Scholarship Committee that will consist of one music teacher, at least one Executive Board member, and the needed number of other adults to make up a committee of no less than 5 and no more than 9 members. No member serving on the committee shall have a child applying for a scholarship.

The Scholarship Committee will review scholarship applications from graduating seniors and undergraduates attending summer music programs. The Scholarship Committee is fully charged with selecting the scholarship recipients, the amount of scholarship to each applicant, and the overall distribution of funds. A coding system is in place to maintain the anonymity of applicants. No one single factor determines the selection, and the Executive Board provides guidelines for committee members to follow. These factors include overall commitment to music, education and the arts, career goals, and a written essay. All decisions are made by the Scholarship Committee, and are final.

All students who participate in programs offered by the music department who wish to seek a scholarship must complete a scholarship application. Scholarships will be awarded based on a student's application. All scholarships are non-transferable. The application deadline must be met. Applications must be complete. Submission of an application does not guarantee being awarded a scholarship. Any unused scholarships will revert back to the general fund and may be considered as "available" to future scholarship applicants. Applications include a parent signature and instructor signature requirement to ensure awareness/confirmation of student intent to attend programs as designated.

### **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

A senior scholarship is designed for students who will be attending college during the fall immediately following graduation. Senior scholarships will be paid directly to the college after proof of enrollment for the second semester by the student is given. The scholarship may only be used at the beginning of the second semester during the year after graduation from BMR. The student has the responsibility to contact the Executive Board at the appropriate time to obtain the scholarship funds.

### **UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Undergraduates are students who will be entering grades 8- 12. Undergraduate scholarships are paid directly to the program that the student will be attending. The scholarship will be paid upon receipt of a copy of enrollment. It is solely the responsibility of the student to complete an application for attending special programs.

### **JIM CASEY SCHOLARSHIP**

A \$100 Jim Casey Scholarship is awarded to a student who is attending a summer program other than SYMS.

**The BMMA encourages ALL students who participate in programs offered by the music department to fill out an application if they are seriously considering attending a summer music program (undergraduates) or if they are continuing their education (music related or not) after high school (Senior Scholarships).**

**Completed scholarships must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed to the Blackstone-Millville Music Association, P.O. Box 181, Blackstone, MA 01504.**

**BLACKSTONE- MILLVILLE MUSIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 16, 2010**

Please type or clearly print. If more space is needed, you may attach additional information.

This is the cover sheet for your scholarship application.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address, if different \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

As an active participant in the music program, this student should be considered for a scholarship.

Instructor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I know that my child is applying for a scholarship to attend a specialized music program.

At this time it is our intent to allow our child to attend this camp. Scholarships awarded by the Blackstone- Millville Music Association do not usually cover the full cost of tuition.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

## UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

**Please do not identify yourself by name when completing this sheet to insure unbiased selection by the Scholarship Committee.**

Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_

Summer music program that you plan to attend:

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Cost of the program: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of program \_\_\_\_\_

1- List extracurricular music programs in which you have participated. You may include programs offered at other institutions.

Program

Number of years in the program

2- List individual music awards, honors, and recognition you have received.

3- ESSAY: Explain how the summer music program you have chosen will benefit both you and the music program at BMR. Please use a separate sheet of paper to write this essay.

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Mailing Address, if different \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Instructor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I know that my child is applying for a senior scholarship from the Blackstone-Millville Music Association.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

## **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

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College major \_\_\_\_\_

College minor \_\_\_\_\_

1- List extracurricular music programs in which you have participated. You may include programs offered at other institutions.

Program

Number of years in the program

2- List individual music awards, honors, and recognition you have received.

3- **ESSAY:** Why should you be a senior scholarship recipient? Explain how the music program has enhanced your education. Provide at least one specific example of how the music program has changed your life. Please use a separate sheet of paper to write this essay.

**BLACKSTONE- MILLVILLE MUSIC ASSOCIATION  
SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

Dear Scholarship Committee Member,

Because of your dedication to our students, you have been asked to be a member of the scholarship committee. Selecting scholarship winners is a formidable duty. We charge this committee with the task of determining who will receive a scholarship and what the monetary value of the scholarship will be. While the Executive Board has determined the total amount for scholarships, we trust you to divide the money in a fitting manner. We thank you for your willingness to participate in this selection process.

You have been given a scholarship packet. All applications have been coded to assure privacy and fairness. You will be judging and ranking undergraduate and senior scholarships separately. Please read each scholarship applications thoroughly. Judge each one using the scoring guide. You may write your scores on each application along with any other notes you wish to make. Do not judge applications on the basis of correct spelling, grammar, or any other conventions. As a music association we desire to honor those students for whom music is making, or has made, a difference.

**SCORING GUIDE**

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

Extracurricular Music programs	0- 10 points
Awards	0- 10 points
Essay	0- 10 points

**SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Music major	6 points
Music minor	4 points
Extracurricular Music programs	0- 10 points
Awards	0- 10 points
Essay	0- 10 points

After scoring each application, please rank them from high to low according to the points received. As a group share your rankings while the chair completes a ranking sheet. You may find that you are in total agreement with your rankings. If that is the case, then move to deciding how much each scholarship will be worth.

A more likely scenario is that you have all decided something different- either major differences or just minor differences. Through discussion and review of the scholarship applications, the committee must determine who will receive scholarships and the value of each scholarship.

Thank you for being a part of this most important committee. You have just made a difference in the life of a child.

The Executive Board