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American Wind Band Scholarship Audition Information
Scholarship Requirements

Dear Applicant,

We wish to thank you for your interest in our scholarship competition. The high school finalist will be awarded a \$1,500.00 scholarship. One 8th grade finalist will be awarded a \$1,370.00 scholarship, and another 8th grade student will receive a \$1,100 scholarship. The scholarship money will be paid to each student's private teacher for future study on a band instrument or the band camp of the student's choosing. Parents are required to be a part of the audience during the competition.

We have a two-step audition process. Applicants will provide sound recordings of their solos for the first round of the competition. Judges will only consider the quality of the recorded performance but not the quality of the media used. Based upon those recordings, the scholarship committee will select contestants to compete in a live audition. This second round will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 4501 Main Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Requirements:

1. Previous winning soloists cannot audition in a consecutive year.
2. Applicants must be in high school or 8th grade ready to graduate and presently a member of the school band. If the applicant's school does not offer a band program, the applicant must participate similarly in a youth band or orchestra or a community band or orchestra on a band instrument.
3. Applicants must submit a recording of a solo performance on a band instrument along with the application form by the deadline, February 21, 2020. The recording may be submitted to the mailing or online addresses listed on the application.
4. The solo must be performed without accompaniment for the recording and the second-round audition. (Accompaniment is encouraged for the April 26 concert.)
5. Memorization is not required during the second round and concert performance. Three copies of the music will be required for the judges for the second round.
6. Two scales of the student's choosing will be required for the second round.
7. The length of the 8th grade solo should not exceed 5 minutes, and the length of the high school solo should not exceed 10 minutes.

There will not be a formal numerical rating of the audition performance. The judges' decision will be final. We must receive applications and adjudication sheets on or before February 21, 2020. Late applications will not be accepted. Mail the application to:

American Wind Band
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 605
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Applicants who are selected for the second round will be notified by March 13, 2020. The second round live audition date is set for Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 1-4 pm at Gloria Dei, 4501 Main St., Downers Grove, Illinois. You may email the committee at americanwindbandil@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Information for Finalists:

The scholarship winners will be notified at the auditions. All runners up will receive a certificate of performance. The winners must perform at the American Wind Band's Sunday, April 26, 2020 concert in order to receive their award, which will be presented during the concert. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m. Finalists will be asked to arrive at 2:00 p.m. Finalists are strongly encouraged to attend at least one rehearsal before the concert. Good luck!