

Leesville High School Bands Program**Policy Document****Scholarship Award Policy****Effective Date: 5/1/2018****1.0 Description and Purpose:**

The purpose of this program is to provide financial aid for band trips to needy students who are members of the Leesville Road High School Band, have good participation in Band activities, and have good academic achievements as detailed in the criteria herein. Financial aid will be provided in the form of fund transfers to par for Band-related expenses. No cash will be paid directly to students. This program and its revisions are subject to approval of the Leesville Road High School Bands Club Board of Directors. The program is administered by the Scholarship Committee as defined in section 7.0.

2.0 Policy:

Scholarships will be awarded without discrimination due to sex, race, or national origin. Scholarships are intended for band trips and are granted up to 50% of the band trip cost. To receive a scholarship award, band families are required to participate in fund-raising activities. See Scholarship Application for a listing of those activities.

3.0 Qualification Requirements:

To qualify for a scholarship, the student must meet all of the following requirements:

- A. Financial Need. Students who qualify for the school lunch program automatically meet the financial need requirement. Alternately, other documented proof of need may be presented to the committee for consideration.
- B. Participation in Band Activities. The student must be active in Band activities including fund-raising. A statement is required from the applicant to describe his or her involvement. The Band Director and VP of Fundraising may be asked to verify information provided in the statement.
- C. Good Academic Achievement. The student must maintain a minimum average grade of "B" or better in Band. This information may be obtained from the Band Director.
- D. Good Conduct. The student must have excellent conduct in the Band activities. A statement of recommendation from the Band Director is required. The recommendation should be based on the student's conduct in Band and school activities and his or her known character in general.

Note: Items 3.0, B, C, and D can be waived for new students.

4.0 Criteria Selection:

Depending on the availability of funds, scholarships will be awarded to qualified student in accordance to the following order of priorities:

A. Instrumentation. This is the first selection criterion. If an applicant plays a musical instrument which is essential to the performance of the Band, he or she would be given first priority. In this case, the Band Director would provide a statement to the Scholarship Committee describing the need for the applicant's participation.

B. Membership Seniority. An applicant with the longer duration of membership in the Leesville Road High School Band would be given priority over an applicant with shorter membership duration.

C. Class Seniority. Applicants of the same membership seniority would be screened for class seniority. Seniors would have the highest priority, while freshmen would have the lowest seniority.

D. Band Grade Point Average. Applicants with the same membership and class seniority would be screened for their Band average grades. Students with higher Band grade point averages would be given higher priority.

E. Any further ties would be resolved by the Scholarship Committee.

5.0 Availability of Funds

Funds available for scholarships will be determined on a yearly basis during the budgeting process as voted on by the Bands Club Officers.

6.0 Process

The scholarship program will be described in the Student Handbook which is provided for all Band Members.

A. Applications for scholarships are to be made in writing at least 45 days prior to the date on which the funds will be needed.

B. Approval, selection, and awarding of scholarships will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the Bands Club in accordance with the criteria described in Sections 3.0 and 4.0 above.

7.0 Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee consists of the Band Director and six elected officers

(President, VP's, Secretary, Treasurer, Student Accounts Manager, and VP of Fundraising).