



# APPLAUSE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC

2019-2020 Academic Year

## The Scholarships

The **Applause Scholarships for Excellence in Music** are given to recognize outstanding musical accomplishments by LFHS senior music students and to encourage them to continue studying music after graduation. A total of four (4) Awards of \$1,000 each are available in the Categories of: (1) Band, (1) Orchestra, (1) Chorus, and (1) Other (examples include, but are not limited to Composition, Conducting, Music Theory study).

The Awards may be used for any purposes related to the winners' post-high school music education and performances. Eligible seniors must select only one scholarship Category on their application.

The Applause scholarships are discretionary. If the Applause Scholarship Committee does not receive any applications that satisfy its criteria for a particular Category, a scholarship will not be awarded for that Category. The Scholarship Committee also may elect to award a second scholarship in a Category or to recognize a student in the Other Category even though the student designated a different Category on the application.

## Eligibility

Any senior student who has participated in a curricular or extracurricular LFHS music program for at least two (2) high school years may apply.

- Curricular programs are any for-credit course offerings of the Music Department. For example: symphonic band, wind ensemble, percussion ensemble, concert orchestra, choral, music theory, and independent study.
- Extracurricular programs are LFHS Music Department-sponsored ensembles such as Jazz Band and Madrigal Singers, Talent Show, pit orchestra for musicals.
- Exception to the LFHS two-year rule will be made for transfer students who participate in the LFHS music program for at least one school year and demonstrate participation of at least one year in equivalent music programs at their previous high schools.

## Application Process

The **Applause Scholarships** will be included in the listing of all senior scholarships made available through the LFHS College & Career Resource Center (CCRC) in Naviance.

1. Applicants must download, print, and complete the attached Lake Forest High School Applause Scholarship for Excellence in Music Application Form.
2. Note that applicant's Music Director must review and sign the Application before submission.
3. **Completed Applause Scholarship applications must be submitted to Jennifer Gleason in the CCRC no later than Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:30 pm. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

## Selection Process

1. A Scholarship Committee comprised of at least five (5) Applause board members and members at large will select the Scholarship winners according to the Selection Criteria points values reflected on the attached Application. Parents of seniors who apply for the Applause Scholarship may not participate on the Committee.
2. The Directors of Band, Orchestra, and Chorus will review the applications prior to the Committee's evaluation and provide comments, including verification of the information submitted on the applications, and advise the Committee as needed during the selection process.

## Awards

Winners will be announced at the LFHS Honors Night on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

Questions? Contact Applause Student Recognition Chair: Betsy Skarecky, (847) 830-5183, [betsy@skarecky.com](mailto:betsy@skarecky.com)



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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate for which program scholarship you are applying (check only one):

BAND       ORCHESTRA       CHORUS       OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Student

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Signature of Student's Music Director

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Date Verified

Applause Scholarship Application Tracking No: \_\_\_\_\_  
(to be completed by Applause Student Recognition Chair)



Please provide the following information. You may complete this form or attach a self-prepared document that specifically responds to each item on this application. **Please limit information to your experiences during high school years.**

**1. Eligibility:** List all for-credit Music Department courses you have taken, by year. Include your course grades. (Grades can be verified by Registrar's Office.) Transfer students should list relevant courses in former schools. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points*]

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**2. Eligibility:** List your extracurricular Music Department program participation (Jazz Band, Madrigal Singers, Talent Show, Musical Pit Orchestra, etc.) by year. Transfer students should include program participation at former schools. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points*]

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**3. List any non-curricular music accomplishments or honors you have earned; for example: ILMEA, All State, LFHS Honors Competition, and outside competitions (such as Northwestern, MYA, et cetera) by year. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points*]**

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4. Describe how you plan to continue your music beyond high school. Plans may include a music major or minor, or other significant private or college level study, or involvement in an organized musical group. **Please be specific.** [Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points]

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5. Describe any other Music Department contributions or awards (such as achievement, leadership, service) you have made or received, by year. [Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points]

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6. Describe your participation in outside music study, groups/bands, camps and performance venues by year. [Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 5 points]

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7. Identify any private instruction you received, including years and instructors' names. [Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 5 points]

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