



Raider Rhythm Scholarship Fund

Sponsorship Mission:

The Raider Rhythm Scholarship Fund reflects the spirit and dedication that the Leonardtown High School Band Boosters put into supporting the band program each year. Just as the Boosters dedicate and invest their time, energy, and resources to ensure the success of every student in every band program at Leonardtown High School, this scholarship honors a Leonardtown high School Senior who embodies that same dedication, teamwork, and resilience. The recipient of this award will have demonstrated a commitment to the program, a positive attitude, and a willingness to contribute to the success of the Raider Band Programs.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Current Band Membership** – Must be an active member of the **Leonardtwn High School Band Program** (e.g., Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Marching Band, or other band-related ensembles).
2. **Graduating Senior** – Must be a **graduating senior** at Leonardtown High School.
3. **Post-Secondary Education** – Must have plans to **attend a college, university, trade school, or other post-secondary institution**.

Selection Criteria:

1. **Dedication to the Band Program** – Demonstrates **commitment, leadership, and enthusiasm** for the LHS Band Program.
2. **Academic Achievement** – Maintains a **minimum GPA** (e.g., 3.0 or higher, or as determined by the Band Boosters).
3. **Character & Leadership** – Exhibits **good character, teamwork, and leadership qualities** within the band and school community as reflected in required essay.
4. **Service & Participation** – Active involvement in band-related **volunteer work, mentoring, fundraising, or community service** as reflected in required essay.
5. **Essay Requirement** – Submits a short essay (e.g., **400-500 words**) including steps 3 and 4 above by using either prompt:
 - "How has being part of the LHS Band shaped your personal growth and future aspirations?"
 - "What does the LHS Band Program mean to you?"

Application Requirements:

1. **Completed Application Form** – Includes basic personal information, school activities, and future education plans.
2. **Letter of Recommendation** – One letter from a **teacher, or mentor, not to include a Band Staff or Booster Member** who can speak to the student's dedication and character.
3. **Deadline for Submission** – Applications must be submitted **by April 15th** in a sealed envelope to Mr. Martin.

Raider Rhythm Scholarship Fund - Rules and Regulations:

1. Award Presentation

- The scholarship will be awarded at the end-of-year band banquet.

2. Use of Fund

- The scholarship is intended to support the recipient's educational pursuits but is not restricted to tuition payments alone.
- The scholarship can be used for various educational expenses, including tuition, fees, books, and supplies.

3. Disbursement of Funds

- The scholarship amount will be disbursed by the Leonardtown Band Boosters in the form of a check made payable to the recipient's designated college, university, or educational institution of acceptance.
- The recipient may also use the scholarship fund to cover costs for fees already paid prior to the award.
- To receive a check for pre-paid fees, a copy of the receipt, along with proof of payment directly to the institution, is required.

4. Recipient's Responsibility

- The recipient must provide the necessary information (such as college details, payment information, etc.) to facilitate disbursement by September 1st of the year it is awarded. Failure to meet the deadline will forfeit the scholarship award.

5. Rules and Acknowledgment

- The Leonardtown Band Boosters will provide the recipient with a copy of the scholarship rules and regulations.
- The recipient must sign, date, and return the rules and regulations before any funds are disbursed.
- By signing this document, the recipient understands and agrees to the Rules and Regulations of the Raider Rhythm Scholarship Fund or they automatically forfeit the balance of her scholarship funds.

Scholarship Recipient:

Print Name

Date

Signature

Date

For questions regarding this award please contact: President@leonardtownband.org

Terms and Conditions

1. \$200 Monetary Award

2. Decision Finality

- The scholarship decision made by the selection committee is final and binding.

3. No Award if Criteria are Unmet

- If no applicant meets the selection criteria, the scholarship will not be awarded that year.

4. Lost, Misplaced, or Stolen Checks

- If the scholarship check is lost, misplaced, or stolen before being cashed, the recipient must immediately notify the Band Boosters.
- Failure to notify the Boosters may prevent a reissue of the check.
- The Band Boosters may, at their discretion, issue a replacement check, which may be subject to a fee to cover stop-payment costs or bank charges.

5. Incorrect Payee Information

- If the recipient provides inaccurate or incomplete payee information, a replacement check will not be issued.

6. Publicity and Announcements

- The recipient agrees to allow their name and scholarship award to be announced publicly at the band banquet and in any related promotional materials, such as newsletters, social media, or the school's website.

7. Tax Responsibility

- Scholarship funds awarded under the Raider Rhythm Scholarship are provided to the recipient without any tax withholding.
- It is the recipient's responsibility to consult with a tax professional to determine any tax obligations associated with the scholarship funds.
- The Leonardtown High School Band Boosters make no representations regarding tax treatment, will not issue tax forms, and will not be liable for any tax consequences incurred by the recipient.

8. Failure to Meet Deadline

- Failure to provide the required information by the deadline will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award.

9. Agreement to Terms

- By submitting an application for the Raider Rhythm Scholarship, applicants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to the terms and conditions as outlined in the scholarship's rules and regulations.

10. Modification or Discontinuation

- The Leonardtown High School Band Boosters reserve the right to modify, amend, or discontinue the scholarship program at any time.
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Raider Rhythm Scholarship Application Form

Personal Information

1. Full Name: _____
2. Date of Birth: _____
3. Phone Number: _____
4. Email Address: _____
5. Home Address: _____
6. Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
7. Parent/Guardian Contact Number: _____

School Information: You may skip those that do not pertain to you

1. Current GPA: _____
2. Band Instrument(s) Played: _____
3. Years of Participation in School Band: _____
4. Do you participate in Color Guard? (Yes/No) _____
5. If yes, how long have you been involved in Color Guard? _____
6. What is your primary Role in Color Guard? _____
7. Guard Equipment Used: _____

School Activities & Achievements

1. List any other extracurricular activities you are involved in:
 - _____
 - _____
2. List any leadership positions or awards you have received in school activities:
 - _____
 - _____
3. Describe any special achievements (contests, performances, etc.):
 - _____
 - _____

Future Education & Career Plans

1. What are your future education goals? (College, major, etc.)
 - _____
 - _____
2. What are your career aspirations?
 - _____
 - _____
3. Do you plan to continue your involvement in music in the future?
 - _____
 - _____

Attach Essay Requirement and Letter of Recommendation

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Scholarship Funds Request

ALLOW 30 DAYS FOR PROCESSING – SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED ITEMS

Mail to: Leonardtown High School Band Boosters
23995 Point Lookout Rd
Leonardtown, MD 20650

SECTION A: FUNDS REQUEST

I will attend _____ in _____.
Name of School City, State

Beginning _____ / _____.
Month Year

I anticipate using my scholarship during the _____ term of _____.

Please check the box below to indicate how we should disburse the funds:

Payment to the school: please send a check payable to the school in the amount of \$ _____. The funds are due by ____ / ____ / _____ (MM/DD/YYYY).
*Please include the address of the Scholarship/Student Accounts office in your paperwork

Reimbursement: I have paid my expenses and submit receipts and/or copies of cancelled checks for reimbursement in the amount of \$ _____

WE REQUIRE ALL THE INFORMATION BELOW TO PROCESS YOUR REQUEST:

Print your name Signature

Address

(_____) _____
Phone Social Security Number Date

E-mail

SECTION B: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

In consideration of the Raider Rhythm Scholarship awarded me and administered by the Leonardtown High School Band Boosters, I have confirmed that all required documents have been provided

Signature Date

Your completed request MUST include:

- Scholarship Funds Request Form
- If a payment to the school request, include current tuition statement showing what is owed
- If a reimbursement request, include receipts and/or cancelled checks
- Signed Scholarship Rules and Regulations
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Proof of GPA

For Internal Use Only
Check # _____
Amount \$ _____
Date _____
Initial _____