



Dear Arkansas Band Director:

The Arkansas Women Band Directors' Association, in keeping with our goal of recognizing young people who are entering the field of instrumental music, annually presents several scholarships. This year, we hope to continue offering the AWBDA scholarships in the amount of \$400.00 each. These scholarships are awarded to both male and female Arkansas high school seniors who are planning to major in instrumental music education in college this fall. The winners will be selected by a panel of AWBDA members, with the most emphasis being placed on the applicant's musical achievements, leadership in their school band, and written essay.

Work on the scholarships was initiated when the AWBDA membership was looking for worthwhile projects to bring positive recognition to instrumental music in our state. When asking for donations each year, we find that the enthusiasm for this project is overwhelming. Several music businesses and organizations always generously agree to sponsor scholarships.

An application for the scholarship is attached. If you have more than one applicant, please feel free to make copies of the form, or additional copies may be obtained from:

Valerie Laney-Rowe
647 Dooley Womack Dr.
Camden, AR 71701
Email: vrowe@cfsd.k12.ar.us

Completed applications should be returned to the above address postmarked no later than **March 30th**. Please remind your applicants to include an **official copy** of their **high school transcript** and a **letter of recommendation from you** along with the other required information. In order for students to be eligible they must be planning **to major in instrumental music education** (not performance) this fall. Also encourage your students to fill out this application neatly and completely. The essay will receive much consideration. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me and I will be glad to help.

Thank you very much for helping us to provide this opportunity to your students!

Valerie Laney-Rowe
AWBDA Scholarship Chairman

AWBDA Scholarship Application

Name _____ Sex _____

Home Address _____

City & Zip Code _____ E-Mail Address _____

Parents' Name(s) _____

Home Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

High School _____ Director _____

High School Address _____

Major Instrument _____ Years Studied _____

College you will attend _____

Please type the following information and include it with this application.

- **General Music Background.** List the highlights of your high school career in band. Include in your list participation in All-Region, All-State, Band Camp, Community Bands, Band Officer Positions, Solo & Ensemble ratings, Auxiliaries (flags, drum major, majorette) and any other musical awards you have received. Where applicable, include chair and band placement.
- **Scholastic Achievement.** List any scholastic awards you have received while you were in high school, i.e. Algebra Award, Chemistry Award, Science Fair, etc.
- **Brief Essay.** Please write a brief essay that includes statements which tell why you wish to major in music education in college and become a band director or instrumental music teacher. Please state your intentions very clearly and thoroughly. This portion will be considered very heavily when reviewing your application!
- **Transcript and Recommendation.** Please attach to this application an official seven semester copy of your transcript including cumulative GPA and class rank. Also enclose a letter of recommendation from your high school band director. Both of these must be submitted in order for your application to be considered.

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