

Richmond Youth Concert Band

Bursary Information

Purpose:

To encourage the musical growth of a deserving member of the Richmond Youth Concert Band. The bursary is to be applied in the form of partial reimbursement to the cost of continuing involvement in music (i.e. tuition [lessons, workshops, summer camps], RYCB registration fees, sheet music or accessories, repairing or maintaining instruments).

Eligibility:

Bursary awards are available to band members who are not yet in Grade 12. Any current student member in good standing of the Richmond Youth Concert Band is eligible to receive a Bursary.

Process:

Information and application forms will be distributed (either by mail or at rehearsal) to each RYCB member on or before March 10th. The applicant must submit an application to the Music Director of RYCB by the first rehearsal on or after April 15th. Applications must include an application form, a formal letter written by the student, a letter of reference from the student's school music teacher and a copy of the student's most recent report card.

The Awards Selection Committee will be composed of the RYCB Music Director, the RYCB Association President (or substitute), and an invited specialist who is not currently a member of the RYCBA. Each member of the Committee will award points to candidates based upon the criteria below. The Awards Selection Committee will determine the minimum number of points a candidate must achieve in order to receive an award.

Rather than competing against each other, candidates will be rated on their achievement of these specific standards. At the discretion of the Committee, once candidates have met that standard, awards will be determined by the funds available.

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| • Application and letter | - each member assigns up to 10 points | 30 max. points |
| • Number of years in the band | - one point for each year of attendance | 5 max. points |
| • Contribution to the band* | - points assigned by music director | 15 max. points |

*(based on musical contribution, attendance at rehearsals and concerts, cooperation, willingness to help others, etc.)

Bursary candidates are rated out of a possible 50 points.

Note:

At the discretion of the Awards Selection Committee, more than one bursary may be awarded. Similarly, there will be no award if no member fulfills the specified criteria. Each year, the actual dollar value of each award will be determined by the funds available.

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Music Scholarship/General Scholarship Information

Purpose:

Annually, the Richmond Youth Concert Band offers a musical scholarship to a deserving member. The purpose is to encourage and actively support those students who choose to pursue further studies in music at a recognized institution. In addition, one or more general scholarships are offered to encourage and support students who plan to continue their studies in other areas.

Eligibility:

Student members in good standing of RYCB are eligible to apply if they:

- are currently completing Grade 12 (or are graduating from secondary school)
- are currently completing a minimum of one full year's membership in the band
- have a minimum C+ average in all Grade 12 subjects
- have a minimum B average in all Grade 11 and Grade 12 music subjects
- will be enrolling in a recognized post-secondary institution before February of the following year
- will be majoring in music or music education (music scholarship).

Process:

Information and application forms will be distributed (either by mail or at rehearsal) to each RYCB member on or before March 10th. The applicant must submit an application to the Music Director by the first rehearsal on or after April 15th. Applications must include an application form, a formal letter written by the student, a letter of reference from the student's school music teacher and an official transcript of marks. Auditions will be held in late April. The format of the audition is described on the application form.

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Rather than competing against each other, candidates will be rated on their achievement of these specific standards. At the discretion of the Committee, once candidates have met that standard, awards will be determined by the funds available.

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| • Audition | - each member assigns up to 10 points | 30 max. points |
| • Application and letter | - each member assigns up to 10 points | 30 max. points |
| • Number of years in the band | - one point for each year of attendance | 5 max. points |
| • Contribution to the band* | - points assigned by music director | 15 max. points |

*(based on musical contribution, attendance at rehearsals and concerts, cooperation, willingness to help others, etc.)

Scholarship candidates are rated out of a possible 80 points.

Note:

At the discretion of the Awards Selection Committee, more than one scholarship may be awarded. Similarly, there will be no award if no member fulfills the specified criteria. Each year, the actual dollar value of each award will be determined by the scholarship funds available.

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Bursary/Scholarship Application Form

Section One:

Name _____ School: _____

Grade: _____ Years in RYCB: _____ Award being applied for: _____

Section Two:

Indicate which instruments you play and how long you have studied each: _____

Do (or did) you take private lessons? With whom and for how long _____

Section Three:

On the back of this form list in detail your involvement in musical activities – in and out of school. (If you have a musical resumé, please attach it.)

Section Four:

Attach a brief letter from your school music teacher referring to your participation in school music activities. Attach a copy of your most recent report card. For **scholarship applicants**, an **official transcript** obtained from your school.

Section Five:

The applicant must attach a formal letter written to the President of the RYCBA. Please include the following information:

- Why you think you deserve the award
 - what contributions you have made to RYCB
 - what you have gained from membership in RYCB
- If you are applying for a bursary:
 - what you intend to use the funds for (be specific – names, dates, etc.)
- If you are applying for a scholarship:
 - where you intend to study, what program you will be enrolled in
 - personal and immediate objectives, and ultimate goals in your field of study
- Other areas of involvement: activities, sports, work, volunteer, etc.

*Section Six: **Scholarship Applicants Only***

Scholarships are for those who are graduating from secondary school. Scholarship Applicants must perform a live audition for the Awards Selection Committee. **Please prepare:**

1. Major concert scales: F, B flat, E flat, A flat, (tongued, slurred, varied articulation; ascending & descending, as many octaves as possible).
2. Chromatic scale: lowest possible note to highest possible note.
3. Two brief selections of your own choice, to display contrasting styles.

Application Dates:

Applications must be presented to the MUSIC DIRECTOR of the RYCB by the first rehearsal ON or AFTER April 15th of each year. The Music Director will convey the applications to the Awards Selection Committee. Auditions will be held at the end of April. If possible, awards will be announced at the May concert.