



Description and Criteria

Forrest Eichmann Music Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 to honor the memory of Forrest Eichmann who passed away on December 31, 2015. His activity in the community will long be remembered, but perhaps his most notable and meaningful legacy will be that of a professional music educator. His impact on numerous aspiring musicians will never be fully realized. Mr. Eichmann took great pride in molding his students into talented musicians who would keep the spirit of music alive for years to come. It is only fitting that his dream is nourished by establishing a scholarship that will encourage talented young musicians to keep that wonderful spirit that is music.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Fund shall be to provide funding to support music scholarships for graduating senior students who play the tuba or trombone at Woodstown High School (Woodstown, NJ) and Arthur P. Schalick High School (Pittsgrove, NJ) with plans to advance their study of music at a four-year state institution.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP: The Forrest Eichmann Music Scholarship Fund will initially support one (1) scholarship for a student who plays the tuba (Tuba Scholarship) and one (1) scholarship for a student who plays the trombone (Trombone Scholarship). The grantees will be selected by the scholarship committee from the pool of applications submitted from the two high schools described. Each scholarship will be for \$1500. As fund assets increase scholarships supporting other musical instrument groups will be established. The Fund is administered by the Community Foundation of South Jersey (CFSJ).

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP: Eligibility for the Forrest Eichmann Scholarships will be limited to graduating seniors from Woodstown High School (Woodstown, NJ) and Arthur P. Schalick High School (Pittsgrove, NJ).

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- Student applicants must have achieved at least an overall 2.5 GPA.
- Students must have participated in an organized band or orchestra for at least two years prior to the scholarship award.
- The recipient must have played their principal instrument for at least three yrs.
- Favorable endorsement by applicant's band director.
- State College/University Band program: must have confirmed acceptance into a band program at a major four year state college or university before scholarship funds are sent to institution.

Requirements for confirmation of acceptance will be explained in the awards letter. Checks will not be sent to the institutions until all confirmations are provided to CFSJ.

- While not specific requirements, participation in local community band (Hobos, American Legion etc.) and additionally in the case of the Tuba Scholarship, participation in Tuba Christmas could be used to separate close contenders

The award should be made to a student whose scholarship, love for music, character, personality and leadership qualities are regarded by the faculty as outstanding in their class. The student may not necessarily be the top student in the class, but he/she will have shown outstanding potential, merit and/or improvement. Desire to major in music is not required, and financial need not considered.

The scholarship award shall be given to the student, as nominated by the scholarship committee, who best exemplifies the criteria stated.

Selection Process

1. Graduating seniors who wish to apply for the scholarship will submit their completed Scholarship Information form (attached) to their respective high school counseling department.
2. The forms will be emailed to CFSJ who will distribute them to the scholarship committee for their review.
 - a. **Deadline to CFSJ: April 15th**
3. The committee will meet by the first week in May and then notify CFSJ of their selection(s).
4. CFSJ will notify the appropriate high school(s) and provide an awards letter for presentation.

The scholarship committee will consist of the following members in addition to the Donor:

Orchestral band conductor Woodstown High School
Orchestra/band conductor Schalick High School
A representative of the family of Forrest Eichmann