

WSHS Band Boosters Senior Scholarship Rules and Procedures

PURPOSE: The purpose of this document is to describe the procedures for the WSHS Band Boosters Senior Scholarship. The scholarship is \$500. It is not need based, nor is it based on any particular aptitude. The scholarship committee will make the award based on the quality and content of the student essay.

ELIGIBILITY: All senior band students are eligible. Any student who wants to be considered will submit a written essay of no more than one page (~500 words). In the essay, the student will describe the following:

- How the WSHS band program has contributed to his or her life
- Student goals and aspirations for college

FORMAT: Students will submit their essays typed on one white 8 1/2 x 11 paper, no smaller than 10 point font. Each student will place his or her name in the upper right-hand corner of the page. No other individual or identifying comments shall be included in the essay.

PROCEDURES: Band Boosters will appoint five judges to the scholarship committee. At least one member of the scholarship committee will represent the General Membership (not a board member or committee chair). Senior parents who have a student applying will not serve on the committee.

The committee will elect one of its members to serve as chairperson. The chairperson receives the entries, and then copies them, removing the names so the essay authors cannot be readily identified. The chairperson will mark the essays with a number identifier. The chairperson will not disclose the identity of the students to the committee members until the award is officially announced. The chairperson will not participate in the judging of essays. After reading the essays, the remaining four-committee members will choose the winning essay and notify the chairperson. Decision of committee members is final and not subject to review outside of the committee.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: The scholarship committee chairperson will announce the winner and present a check to the winner at the end-of-year band picnic scheduled for June 1, 2008.