



MIDLAND CONCERT BAND
2024-2025 HIGH SCHOOL BAND SCHOLARSHIPS

MCB 2025 Scholarship Program Announcement

The MCB is excited to announce this year's scholarship program for students in HS (Grades 9-12). We have five endowed funds through the Midland Area Community Foundation (MACF), each offering up to \$1,500.

Important Update for This Year!

Scholarships held with MACF—including the Pamela Rowe Flute Award, the Stanford Rowe Low Brass Award, the Gary and Susan Burgess Memorial Band Scholarship, the Bruce and Connie Eaton Memorial, and the Ken and Regina Pederson Low Brass Award—require a separate application through MACF. While MCB will select the recipients, you must also apply through MACF by January 31, 2025.

- 1 award for flute students.
- 2 awards for low brass students
- 2 awards available to students who play any band instrument.

Apply for these awards through the MACF website or use this link:

<https://goapply2.akoyago.com/midland/opportunities> Once there, choose the Music/Dance link. You will have to set up an account to get into their system.

In addition, MCB awards the following scholarships with THIS application. Print and mail in or fill out and email.

- Nancy Pollock Memorial award for any instrument
- Andrea Wirth Memorial award for Percussion
- \$500 MCB awards of merit as funds are available

Eligibility: Students must attend school and be enrolled in band in Midland County.

Sue Gessford, c/o MCB
PO Box 2300, Midland, MI 48641
Email: sue@gessford.us

Deadline: January 31, 2025.

Use of Scholarship Funds:

Scholarship money can only be used for:

- Private music lessons
- Instrument upgrades
- Camps (e.g., Blue Lake or Interlochen)

For 12th graders, funds can also be sent directly to your college for use in a music major or minor program. Funds will be paid directly to the camp, music store, university, or private instructor.

If you have any questions, contact Sue Gessford, Director of Education, at sue@gessford.us.

Award Notifications and Performances



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Awards will be announced in early March. Recipients will be invited to perform with the band at our Spring Concert at the MCFTA on Sunday, May 4. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays starting March 27, from 7:15-9:30 PM at Dow High School. (No rehearsal during spring break.)

There is no playing requirement this spring due to limited rehearsal time. Please indicate in your essay if you can attend 4 out of the 5 scheduled rehearsals.

Name: _____

Current Grade (9-12): _____

Primary Instrument: _____

Address (include town and zip):

Phone where you can be reached: _____

Email: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Band Director: _____

Private Instructor (if applicable): _____

How long have you taken lessons? _____

Please use the back of this form to write a brief essay about high school musical experience. Include details about your private instructor, any secondary instruments you play, lessons, camps, Solo and Ensemble participation, band leadership, and how you would use the scholarship award.

In addition, please ask your band director to email a brief recommendation to sue@gessford.us.

This form is due by January 31, 2025. If you plan to email a photo of the form, please use ink or type your responses—pencil does not scan well.

Return to MCB/Sue Gessford

PO BOX 2300 Midland, MI 48641 before Jan. 31. 2025. You can also scan and email to sue@gessford.us.



Good luck!

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