

2024

Fred J Miller Memorial Music Education Fund Scholarship Information



Fred J. Miller was a man of insight and action. In predicting the new and innovative, he always said that his legacy would be “creating the future.” Today, the Fred J. Miller Music Education Fund salutes his vision with tomorrow’s finest young minds preparing to carry the torch forward. Like Fred, we know that tomorrow’s educators carry this legacy.

Members of all the Drum Corps International Summer Tour participating drum & bugle corps are invited to submit **with Director’s endorsement signature** and must be enrolled in college pursuing music education as their primary degree path. A committee of administrators, instructors and judges review dozens of these applications for these scholarships and select students who stand out in qualities of academic, artistic, and personal achievements.

Applications for 2024 Scholarships must be submitted to DCI via an email with attachments to Scholarships@DCI.org, **NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2024**. Please mark **FJM Scholarship** in the subject line. **All required paperwork must accompany the Scholarship Application.**

DCI will administrate the scholarship and has established the following guidelines:

1. The recipient must be enrolled in a college/university music education program.
2. The recipient must attend a college or university; not a trade school or vocational school.
3. The recipient must be an active marching member of a unit who will compete in the 2024 DCI Summer Tour.
4. Each nominee must have their corps’ director sign off as an endorser.
5. Scholarship(s) granted will be paid by check written to his/her university. Scholarship money may be used by the student for tuition, books, and room/board. Any unused scholarship monies, either from the student leaving the education establishment before completing his/her degree or upon the student completing and receiving his/her degree, will be returned to DCI.
6. Scholarships granted will not be less than \$2000.00 per recipient.
7. The scholarship will be granted for one year only, but recipients may re-apply the next year if he/she remains active with a corps and meets all the other requirements.
8. Selections will be made by a committee consisting of individuals representing various DCI activities, whose decisions will be final. WELL WRITTEN essays are important, so please give yourself time to develop your answers fully.
9. The award will be announced on the Drum Corps International website in late May with other award recipients. Recipients should work with corps director to set up a meeting with the scholarship family/foundation at some point on tour and return a photo for posting at DCI World Championships in August.
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PERSONAL DATA

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Email _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address (if different from above) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address (if different from above) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Number of siblings _____ Are any involved in pageantry? _____

Age(s) of siblings _____ Any siblings in college, if so, how many? _____

Where do your siblings attend college? (if applicable) _____

Are you employed? _____ If yes, where and length of time with that employer? _____

EDUCATION

High School _____

City & State _____ Year in school _____

College _____

City & State _____ College Major _____

DCI CORPS INFORMATION

With what corps are you performing? _____

Circle one: Brass Color Guard Percussion How long have you been a member of that unit? _____

With what other groups have you performed? _____

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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING (attach separate sheet if necessary) DO NOT STAPLE DOCS:

Academic progress: this includes grade point average, course load, extenuating circumstances and challenges overcome in your academic endeavors.

Extracurricular activities: including all scholastic, recreational and civic activities including pageantry. Identify YOUR accomplishments and responsibilities for these activities (for instance, we do not need a list of the corps accomplishments/placements).

Future plans: your plans and goals for post education. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Why do you want or need this scholarship?

I certify that the above and enclosed information is complete and true.

Applicant _____ Date _____

I have reviewed the above information and recommend this member for the FJM Memorial Music Education Scholarship.

Corps Director Signature _____

Corps _____ Date _____

PLEASE INCLUDE in your SINGLE pdf application submission:

High School transcripts (including explanation of system, i.e. 4 point, etc.)

College transcripts (if applicable)

Two letters of recommendation from individuals other than Corps Director.

Two photos (one headshot)

SAT/ACT scores (optional and if available)

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