

Scholarship Guidelines for Atascadero Community Band

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Background: Throughout its 35+ year history the Atascadero Community Band has remained committed to promoting basic music education and supporting musicians of all levels. In the past 15 years a separate scholarship fund account was set up specifically for this purpose. For reasons unknown to the current officers the account was closed and is no longer available for the purposes intended. **The records are unclear as to the status of the monies.**

The **Purpose** of this proposal is to establish general guidelines to award scholarship monies based on an identified need and/ or merit. More specifically identified needs include monies for music lessons, music practice books, and music literature for auditions or competition, musical instrument rental or in the case of a graduating senior high school or **college** bound musician member of ACB, monies for books provided the individual is pursuing studies in music education or performance e.g., conducting, directing, composing.

Qualifying Scholarship Recipients: Any voting member of ACB in good standing may submit in writing the name and circumstances of a musician enrolled in a music program at the middle school, high school, graduating high school level in SLO County or college bound musician to the Executive Board of ACB. Preference will be given to musicians currently **regularly** participating and contributing to ACB. SEE Article IV of the ACB Bylaws for details re: expectations of ACB musicians. Student musicians may also submit a request in writing for scholarship monies directly to the Executive Board of ACB. Scholarship candidates must demonstrate potential for progressing in music performance and/or study and/or music education.

Responsibility of the Executive Board: The EB will verify the actual need of the scholarship candidate and arrange a 'special' meeting to approve monies up to the amount of student scholarship monies budgeted. In the case of music lessons, the EB will confer with local music faculty and professional musicians and arrange direct payment of lessons to the individual providing lessons. Similarly in the case of instrument rental the EB will pay the rental fees directly to the business set up expressly to rent instruments. Minors need the consent of their parent or legal guardian to sign rental contracts. **The ACB EB has no obligation to award scholarship monies to every applicant or annually with or without budgeted monies available. The EB may award scholarship monies any time of year.**