

**2022 SEVEN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Each graduating Spartan Band and Spartan Guard member whose parent belongs to the SLHS Band Boosters for 2021-2022 (as of April 23, 2022) is eligible to apply. **Seven \$700 scholarships will be awarded.**

Guidelines

- Applications will be made available for download at www.slhsband.org.
- There is required formatting. All applications must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Use normal margins, size 12, black font, and an appropriate font style such as, Cambria, Times New Roman, etc.
- Write clearly. Use correct grammar and spelling. Proofread your work.
- **Completed applications are due Tuesday, April 26, by 11:59 p.m.** via email to the scholarship committee chair (SLHSBBScholarship@gmail.com). **Applications sent after this date WILL NOT be considered for a scholarship** without a written request for extension.
- ALL APPLICATIONS MUST be submitted electronically and **must comply** with all 'Directions for Electronic Submissions' procedures below.

Directions for Electronic Submission

1. This is an SLHS Band Boosters Scholarship. To be considered, one of your parents or guardians MUST be a Band Booster. Your application must be submitted by email to the scholarship committee chair at SLHSBBScholarship@gmail.com.
2. All parts of the application should be submitted as **TWO** PDF files:
 - **File one:** After you read and understand all the guidelines on this form, you will sign and date the bottom. Be sure to write your name legibly in the top blank. Scan and save the file as a PDF. Name that PDF **signpageFirstNameLastName**. (Example: For Mr. Mays it would be named, **signpageJohnMays**)
 - **File two:** Combine all of your short answer responses and essay response to create a single file. **Do not include your name anywhere within the file**, except when you are naming the file. Save the file as a PDF and name the PDF as **responseFirstNameLastName**. (Example: Mr. Mays' 2nd file would be: **responseJohnMays**)
3. Both PDF files must be sent in the same email. Your subject line will read **Band Boosters Scholarship First Name Last Name** (Example: Mr. Mays' subject line will read **Band Boosters Scholarship John Mays**)
4. Send the application email to SLHSBBScholarship@gmail.com. Copy yourself on the email and save the copy to your email account.
5. You should receive a confirmation email within 48 hours. If you do not receive a confirmation email, text 505-801-1706, for instructions. Send the application from the same email account that you will use to check for confirmation and throughout this process
6. Your application is **not complete** until you receive an email confirmation, so be sure to follow up!
7. Turn in your application early so that you can get your confirmation email and breathe easy. Do not wait!
8. You may direct any questions to SLHSBBScholarship@gmail.com. Good luck!

I _____, the applicant, certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, **and that the responses reflect my own thoughts and are my own work.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Short Answer

300 points

(DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN ANY PORTION OF YOUR ANSWERS.)

Organize and label this section as follows:

1. Personal Statement

TOTAL: 120 points

Part A: Service and Leadership

How have you served or led your band or guard, school or community? How do your strengths inform how you choose to contribute? What are your plans to lead or serve others in the future? You may also include any roles, activities, employment, service or recognition that you have received outside the Band or Guard in this section.

Part B: Goals

What are your goals? You may include how high school experiences have helped you to define these goals as well as your long- and short-term goals.

Part C: Plans and Passion

What are your plans for next year? Among other things, you may choose to include what school you plan to attend and what you plan to major in. Let your passion and enthusiasm come through. If music or performance will play any part in those plans, be sure to include that as well.

2. Extra Mile:

TOTAL: 40 points

Describe a time when you went the extra mile. You may address any of the following, or some other aspect...Why did you do it? What were the costs, risks and/or rewards? Did this signify personal growth or a change in attitude? Did you make a difference?

3. Auditions:

TOTAL: 60 points

Please provide a numbered list of all the music/guard auditions you have participated in during high school (regardless of outcome) for region band, area band, guard officer, solo or ensemble, band council, drum major, or section leader, or specialty position(s). List each audition separately with the **most recent first**. (For example, February 2022, All Region Flute.) **List every attempt, regardless of whether you received the award or position. Your point score will reflect these attempts.** Please do not include any auditions that took place before May 1, 2018, any auditions that are required for all band or guard members. *When in doubt, include it on the list.*

4. Band & Guard Recognition:

TOTAL: 80 points

Please provide a numbered list of all the honors, awards, leadership roles, and recognition you have received since your freshman year of high school including both SLHS Band/Color Guard and organizations outside of Seven Lakes High School. If you have transferred from another high school, you may include success from that program as well. Be sure to include details including date and the recognition, award, etc. Do not include band class placements or anything that happened before your freshman year of high school. *When in doubt, include it on the list.*

Essay Answer

200 points

(DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN ANY PORTION OF YOUR ANSWERS.)

Choose **one** prompt and respond. The essay should be double-spaced and approximately 400 words. Write clearly. Use correct grammar and spelling. Proofread your work. The highest scoring responses will be clear and artful, reflect good character and may describe adversity, personal growth and or values such perseverance, patience and care for others.

1. Write about a time that you failed at something. How did that failure affect you?

Don't be afraid to dig deep. Include an example of how the failure improved the way you deal with similar situations now. It can be uncomfortable for anyone to admit they're less-than-great at something, but that honesty can be refreshing, especially if you tell your story in an authentic, relatable way.

2. Pick a quote that describes a lot about you, and explain why you connect with it.

For this essay, choose a quotation that you can attribute to someone, even if it's a saying handed down from your grandparents. Describe it guides you or how it has impacted your life so far.

3. If you could time travel to any time and place, where would you go?

Consider either a historical, personally significant, or futuristic moment. Whatever time you choose, explain the moment's significance and how you are personally connected to it.

Dear Applicants. Consider this advice:

- ★ Apply! This is a **great** opportunity to reflect on all you have learned and accomplished.
- ★ Start before your deadline! April 29, will get here before you know it. Give yourself the time to carefully read the requirements and instructions for submission. Start on the portions that are easiest first. Write the bulk of your responses early enough to put them aside for a day or two before you edit them. Last minute efforts are welcome, but tend not to be as successful as carefully-edited submissions.
- ★ An exact word count is not nearly as important as expressing your thoughts fully and clearly. The suggestion of 400 words is there to guide you. An essay under 200 words will likely be underdeveloped, and one over 600 words runs the risk of losing the reader's attention.
- ★ Ask questions, but please allow a day for a response. (Start early so you have time to get your questions answered and get your work finished before the deadline.)
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- ★ Put your best work forward. The successful applicants in the past demonstrated maturity and sincerity in their writing.
- ★ Enjoy the process!