



APPLAUSE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC

The Scholarships

The ***Applause Award for Excellence in Music*** is given to recognize outstanding musical accomplishments by LFHS senior music students and to encourage them to study music after graduation. A total of four (4) Awards of \$1,000 each are available in the Categories of: (1) Band, (1) Orchestra, (1) Chorus, and (1) Other (examples include, but are not limited to, Composition, Conducting, Music Theory, or a tie in any given category).

The Award may be used for any purposes related to the winners' post-high school music education and performances. Eligible seniors must select only one scholarship category on their application.

The Applause Awards are discretionary. If the Applause Award Committee does not receive any applications that satisfy the criteria for a particular category, there will be no award for that category. The Committee may elect to award a tie in any category (co-winners each receive the full award).

Eligibility

Any senior student who has participated in a curricular or extracurricular LFHS music program for at least two (2) high school years may apply.

- Curricular programs are any for-credit course offerings of the Music Department. For example: symphonic band, wind ensemble, percussion ensemble, concert orchestra, choral, music theory, and independent study.
- Extracurricular programs are LFHS ensembles sponsored by the Music Department such as Jazz Band, Madrigal Singers, Talent Show and pit orchestra for musicals.
- An exception to the LFHS two-year rule will be made for transfer students who participate in the LFHS music program for at least one school year and demonstrate participation for at least one year in an equivalent music program at their previous high school.

Application Process

The ***Applause Award for Excellence in Music*** will be included in the listing of all senior awards made available through the LFHS College & Career Resource Center (CCRC) in Naviance.

1. Applicants must download, print, and complete the attached Lake Forest High School Applause Award for Excellence in Music Application Form.
2. Note that the applicant's Music Director must review and sign the Application before submission.
3. **Submit completed applications to Jennifer Gleason in the CCRC no later than March 15. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Selection Process

1. A Committee composed of at least five (5) Applause board members and members at large will select the Award winners according to the Selection Criteria point values reflected on the attached application. Parents of seniors who apply for the Applause Award may not participate on the Committee.
2. The Directors of Band, Orchestra, and Chorus will review the applications prior to the Committee's evaluation and provide comments, including verification of the information submitted on the applications, and advise the Committee as needed during the selection process.

Awards

Winners will be announced at the LFHS Honors Night each spring.

Questions? Contact the Student Recognition Chair Heidi Thomas, at (847) 295-1018, thomasfam1010@gmail.com



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Name of Applicant _____ Date Submitted _____

Student ID Number _____ Class of _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

Please indicate for which program award you are applying (check only one):

BAND ORCHESTRA CHORUS OTHER _____

Signature of Student

Signature of Student's Music Director

_____/_____/_____
Date Verified

Applause Award Application Tracking No: _____
(to be completed by Applause Student Recognition Chair)



Please provide the following information. You may complete this form or submit a self-prepared document that specifically responds to each item on this application. **Please limit information to your experiences during high school years.**

1. Eligibility: List all for-credit Music Department courses you have taken, by year. Include your course grades. (Grades will be verified). Transfer students should list relevant courses in former schools. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points*]

2. Eligibility: List your extracurricular Music Department program participation (Jazz Band, Madrigal Singers, Talent Show, Musical Pit Orchestra, etc.) by year. Transfer students should include program participation at former schools. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points*]

3. List any non-curricular music accomplishments or honors you have earned; for example: ILMEA, All State, LFHS Honors Competition, and outside competitions (such as Northwestern, MYA, et cetera) by year. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points*]



4. Describe how you plan to continue your music beyond high school. Plans may include a music major or minor, other significant private or college level study, or involvement in an organized musical group. **Please be specific.** [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points*]

5. Describe any other Music Department contributions or awards (such as achievement, leadership, service) you have made or received, by year. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 20 points*]

6. Describe your participation in outside music study, groups/bands, camps and performance venues by year. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 5 points*]

7. List any private instruction you received, including years and instructors' names. [*Committee Selection Criteria: Up to 5 points*]
