



MARCHING BAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Charlotte Center City Partners is excited to announce the revival of the Marching Band Scholarship Program. Marching bands have been an integral part of the Thanksgiving Day Parade since it first began in 1947 and after a brief hiatus, the scholarship program has returned to encourage students to continue their musical practices beyond high school.

The program includes three (3) grant scholarships and the Queen Charlotte Music Scholarship.

The grant scholarships provide \$1000 cash to three individuals who plan to continue their involvement with music in college, whether through a campus club, campus performances, or other musical opportunities.

The Queen Charlotte Music Scholarship provides \$2500 to an individual student who plans to continue performing music in college by participating in their school's marching band or in concert ensemble classes.

Additionally, each band marching in the parade will receive \$1000 honorarium, limited to eight bands.

Conditions of eligibility:

- The applicant must be a senior in a high school marching band that is participating in the current year's Novant Health Thanksgiving Day Parade
- The applicant must demonstrate superior scholastic attainment with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- The applicant must demonstrate moral force of character, leadership ability, and an interest in his/her fellow students and the community
- The applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from their band director and one other school official or community leader
- Students applying for the Queen Charlotte Music Scholarship must meet all the above requirements and show proof that they plan to continue music in college through marching band or ensemble concert classes.

Applications must be received by the Charlotte Center City Partners office by 5:00 pm Friday October 19. Recipients will be notified by mid-November. Family members of the scholarship recipients are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Day Parade in the reserved VIP section. More details will be provided when recipients are notified.

The selection committee will consist of at least two (2) band professionals and one (1) business/education professional with marching band experience. They will seek out a well-rounded student who has demonstrated leadership qualities, dedication to excellence, and above-average academic achievement.

The scholarship awards must be used for continuing education beyond high school and will be sent directly to the college or technical school of the student's choice.

The \$1000 honorarium award will be sent to the school and may be used at the discretion of the Band Director for the further improvement of their band program.

We at Charlotte Center City Partners are ever mindful of the efforts that marching bands put forth on training and preparing their performances and we look forward to providing this avenue of recognition and award. There is no limit to the number of students (seniors only) that may apply from a participating band.

Additional copies of the scholarship applications can be found at <http://www.novanthealththanksgivingparade.com>.

To submit applications, or to ask for more information, please email Margo Goodale at mgoodale@charlottecentercity.org by October 19.