

# MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

at McLennan Community College



**WOODWINDS  
PERCUSSION  
BRASS**

**Awards up to \$1,500 per semester**

## **2016 Band Scholarship Audition Dates:**

February 1, 2016

April 4, 2016

March 14, 2016

May 2, 2016

***www.MCCband.org***



Wednesday,

April 20, 2016

1:00pm - 2:30pm

**FOR BAND SENIORS ONLY!**

# MCC Music Scholarship Audition Checklist and Timeline



## Step 1 Ask at least two people to send us a completed Recommendation Form.

These people can be band or choir directors, private lesson teachers, music ministers, or any other person who can speak authoritatively about your music skills. Fill out the top portion of the form before you give it to your reference. The person completing the Recommendation Form should mail or fax the form directly to MCC (not return it to you). It is highly recommended that you ensure we receive your recommendation forms prior to your audition. While it is not mandatory for us to have them prior to your audition, MCC will not send you a scholarship offer until we receive them. *Important: Only the official MCC Music Scholarship Recommendation Form will be accepted; emails or letters will not be accepted. Download the recommendation form at [www.mclennan.edu/music](http://www.mclennan.edu/music).*

## Step 2 Complete the Music Scholarship Application Form.

Please print clearly. If you have the Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can fill in the text blocks on your computer by clicking each blank, entering the text, then printing the completed form. Specify the ensemble for which you are auditioning. If you do not have a secondary instrument, leave the spot blank. If you are uncertain of your college major, enter "undecided" in the blank. Supply the names of the persons you have requested to complete a Recommendation Form. If they do not have a title ("Choir Director," etc.), briefly explain why you have selected them. *IMPORTANT: Once the form is completed, you may either mail or personally deliver it to the MCC Music Department. Please do not fax it. We prefer to have your Application Form before an audition time is scheduled. Download the application form at [www.mclennan.edu/music](http://www.mclennan.edu/music).*

## Step 3 Schedule an audition time.

Call or e-mail the appropriate coordinator for your area of interest:

Concert Band/Wind Ensemble - Dr. Brian Harris - [bharris@mclennan.edu](mailto:bharris@mclennan.edu) (254) 299-8220

Choir and Piano - Dr. Bonnie Sneed - [bsneed@mclennan.edu](mailto:bsneed@mclennan.edu) (254) 299-8275

Commercial Music - Mr. Jonathan Kutz - [jkutz@mclennan.edu](mailto:jkutz@mclennan.edu) (254) 299-8110

When you call, be prepared to tell us a.) your name, b.) which ensemble you are auditioning for - band, choir, or commercial music, c.) what your instrument or voice part is, and d.) your contact info (phone, e-mail). If you wish, you may request an audition time via e-mail - just be certain to include the above information.

## Step 4 Arrive at MCC prior to your audition time.

Arrive at the Performing Arts Center at least a twenty minutes before your scheduled audition time. There will be a table in the lobby for you to sign in and ask any questions you may have. Practice rooms will be available so you can warmup. You will be escorted into the audition room when the faculty are ready to hear you.

## Step 5 Expect a letter from the Scholarship Committee.

All applicants will receive a letter notifying them of their audition results. This usually takes about 3 weeks to arrive at your home. If it has been more than 3 weeks and you haven't received a letter, please contact the Music Department.

## Step 6 Return the Music Scholarship Offer Reply Form.

If you are offered a music scholarship, please promptly return the Reply Form by the specified deadline. If you miss the deadline, you run a risk of losing the award. If you need additional time to consider the offer, please contact the appropriate area coordinator prior to the deadline. If you accept the offer and then change your mind about attending MCC or accepting the award, it is important for you to let us know as soon as possible so that the award may be offered to another qualified applicant. Please note that accepting an award is binding and you may not audition for or accept offers from other colleges.

# General Information about MCC Music Scholarships

*Music Scholarships at McLennan Community College are available to all qualified students, whether they are music majors or not. Although encouraged, it is not required that an individual take private lessons if they are not a music major. Award amounts are generous, varying from one-third to full tuition and fee reimbursement\*.*

**What are the criteria for scholarship awards?** MCC music scholarships are based on merit and the needs of the various MCC performing ensembles. Generally, awards are given for participation in Wind Ensemble, Choir, Commercial ensembles, or Accompanying (Piano).

**What is expected at the audition?** We encourage you to prepare at least four minutes worth of music for your audition. You might wish to select etudes or solo excerpts from works you have played for lessons, Region Try-Outs, Solo & Ensemble, or other performances. You are not required to use an accompanist. You may also be asked to sightread a simple excerpt. Suggestions are as follows:

Vocalists - sing at least two selections, one of which is in a foreign language.

Brass, Woodwinds, and Piano - perform two contrasting selections: one fast and technical, the other slow and lyrical.

Percussion (concert band) - perform one selection on snare and one selection on either mallets or timpani.

Commercial Music ensembles - prepare at least two selections; electronic playback and amplification equipment will be available for the audition.

**When are Scholarship Auditions?** The Music Department sets aside certain days each year for the majority of scholarship auditions. It is recommended that applicants make every effort to attend these scheduled audition dates. Please visit the Music web site for dates.

**How do I schedule an audition?** Call or (preferably) e-mail the appropriate coordinator for your area of interest:

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Times may be scheduled beginning 3 weeks prior to the audition date. On audition day, please arrive early in order to sign-in and warm-up. Once you have completed your audition, you are free to leave. Auditions take 10 to 15 minutes.

**When will I be notified about the results of the scholarship audition?** The Scholarship Committee will notify you within three weeks of the audition. Results for special audition dates may take longer.

**Do I have to be a music major to receive a music scholarship?** No. You simply have to agree to the requirements of the scholarship which generally include the following: 1. Participate in the assigned ensemble(s); 2. Register as a full-time student (minimum load of 12 semester hours); 3. Maintain a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) in your music ensemble and an overall GPA of 2.5 in all classes.

**May I receive a scholarship for more than one semester?** Yes. Generally, students will receive their scholarship for at least four semesters, providing they fulfill the scholarship requirements.

**What other types of financial aid are available at MCC?** Students are encouraged to complete financial aid forms that are available from the Financial Aid Office. This office will assist you with other types of financial assistance, some which are based on merit, others which are based on need. A music scholarship does not preclude you from receiving other types of financial aid.

**Are music scholarships available for students who begin in the Spring semester?** Awards are offered prior to the beginning of the academic year. Students who enter MCC in the spring semester may audition for an award to begin the following fall. Sometimes funds are available for Spring - contact the Area Advisor (above) for more information.

**Are there any other music awards available?** Yes. Each year, the music faculty provide funds for the "Music Faculty Award Competition." This award is given to an exemplary returning sophomore music student. Auditions are held during the spring semester.

*\* This percentage is based on the published tuition and fee rate for an in-county resident to register for 12 semester hours. This does not include books and other special fees.*



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## MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name* *Middle Name* *Last Name*

MCC Student ID or Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Phone* *Cell Phone* *E-mail*

Current Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street, Route, or PO Box number* *Apartment Number*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City* \_\_\_\_\_ *County* \_\_\_\_\_ *State* \_\_\_\_\_ *Zip*

\_\_\_\_\_ *If under 21, specify your Parent/Guardian name(s) and phone number* \*this address will be used for all future correspondence

**Auditioning for:** (*check one*)     Choir     Band     Commercial Music ensembles     Piano

Primary Instrument/Voice part: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ If you have been a college student\*, what is your cumulative GPA? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(\* Scholarships are not awarded to students with a cumulative college GPA of less than 2.5 of 4 or ensemble grades lower than "A.")*

Academic and Music Honors/Involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected College Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Entry Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Fall, Spring)* *Year*

If you are presently an MCC student, what is your declared major? \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I certify that all of the above information is true and correct. I understand that no action can be taken on my audition results until at least two Music Scholarship Recommendation Forms have been received by the MCC Music Department and that it is my responsibility to ensure that they have been received. I also understand that recommendations must be submitted on the official MCC Music Scholarship Recommendation Form.

These are the people from whom I have requested recommendations (minimum of two required):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Auditioning for: (check one)  Choir  Band  Commercial Music ensembles  Accompanying (Piano)

Primary Instrument/Voice part: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Instrument (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby waive my right to see this recommendation letter.** (check one)  Yes  No

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

TRAIT	Exemplary	Above Average	Average	Below Average	TRAIT	Exemplary	Above Average	Average	Below Average
Reliability					Group Commitment				
Punctuality					Practice Habits				
Leadership					Natural/Inborn Music Talent				
Initiative					Developed Music Talent				
Determination/Perseverance					Academic Study Habits				

Please make any additional comments regarding this applicant (use back of form if necessary):

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ May MCC contact you for further input about this applicant?  Yes  No

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