

THE DIANE RIFFIE SCHOLARSHIP
"The Riffie"

One \$500 or two \$250 first-year college scholarship(s) will be awarded annually to a Lee's Summit High School (LSHS) graduating senior who was active in the music program at LSHS and will be attending an institute of higher education (community college or 4 year college or university). *Application preference will be given to students whose participation included piano performance.* The recipient will be chosen from among eligible applicants, in accordance with the following procedures:

A. ELIGIBILITY: Any student who satisfies all of the following criteria shall be eligible to apply for this scholarship:

1. The applicant must be a graduate of LSHS and become a college freshman who is attending an accredited college, university, or community college to pursue a degree requiring a minimum of two years of higher education.
2. The applicant must have completed at least one year of Concert Choir, Symphonic Band and/or Symphony Orchestra. **Priority will be given to applicants who received at least a II rating on a piano solo at District Contest at least one year.**
3. The applicant must have maintained a 3.0 accumulated GPA after seven semesters at LSHS.
4. The applicant has submitted a completed application form along with the required letters of recommendation, a copy of the student's high school transcript and verification of their enrollment in a college, university or community college.

B. SELECTION CRITERIA

The following factors will be considered by the Selection Committee in choosing the students to participate in the Interview Evaluation:

1. 20% Participation in Extracurricular Music Department Activities/Groups: Sounds of Summit, Preludium, Jazz Band, musical, District and/or State contest (solo and/or ensemble), All District and/or All State Band, Jazz Band, Choir, or Orchestra
2. 20% Essay: 75 - 150 words describing why they want to receive this scholarship.
3. 20% **Personal** Recommendation: a personal letter of recommendation is required (**not family, not LSHS Music staff or private music instructor**).

4. 20% **High School Music Teacher** or **Piano Instructor** letter of recommendation
 5. 10% Community Service: consideration will be given to time devoted to community service.
 6. 10% Extracurricular Activities: organizations, academic competition, sports, debate, etc., including honors, awards, and offices held.
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- C. CERTAIN CRITERIA TO BE DISREGARDED: The following will not be taken into account by the Selection Committee:
1. sex, race, religion, or any other classification
 2. standardized test scores
 3. family income
 4. siblings in college
- D. SELECTION COMMITTEE: If more than one scholarship application is received, a three (3) member Selection Committee for determining the final recipient shall be formed and will be comprised of 2 Music Parent board members and a person from outside the Music Parent Organization. To be considered eligible to serve on the committee, no prospective Selection Committee member may have a relative (blood or through marriage), employee, or employee's child competing for the scholarship.
- E. SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT: The money will be disbursed by the LSHS Music Parents in the form of a check made payable to the scholarship recipient. The full scholarship will be disbursed after receiving college enrollment verification.

PLEASE NOTE:

The recipient must submit the completed Acceptance Agreement and official college, university, or community college documentation of enrollment to the LSHS Music Parents on or before October 15 of their freshman year. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the entire scholarship.

The scholarship committee will choose an undisclosed runner up. This applicant's name will be given to the Music Parent's Scholarship Coordinator to be used in the event the original recipient declines or forfeits the entire scholarship.

THE *DIANE RIFFIE* SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

- ☐ 1. Completed Application Form (if you would prefer, you may use the application template from the LSHS Music Website. Please print off your completed application and submit with required letters and transcript)

- ☐ 2. Letters of Recommendation from the following:
 - A. Personal Recommendation (***not family, not LSHS Music staff nor private music instructor***)

 - B. ***High School Music Teacher or Piano Instructor*** Recommendation

- ☐ 3. LSHS Transcript

- ☐ 4. Enrollment verification from the community college/college/university - this will be requested once recipient is selected.

- ☐ 5. Essay: 75 - 150 words describing why you want to be the recipient of the
The Diane Riffie Scholarship and sharing the role music has played in your life and how it may continue to be a part of your life.

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THE *DIANE RIFFIE* SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Return to Mrs. Nancy Frick, LSHS Guidance Office
Application Deadline March 25, 2015

1. **Name:**

2. **Address:** **Phone:**

City, State, Zip Code:

3. **Parent's/Guardian's Name:**

4. **Community College, College or University You Plan to Attend:**

College:

Address:

5. **Check Extracurricular Music Department Activities In Which You Participated and number of years:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sounds of Summit</i> yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Preludium</i> yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jazz Band</i> yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Musical</i> yrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Marching Band</i> yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>District Choir/Band/Orchestra</i> yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>State Choir/Band/Orchestra</i> yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>District Solo/Ensemble</i> yrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>State Solo/Ensemble</i> yrs | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other:</i> yrs | | |

6. **Music Courses Taken in High School**

7. **Extracurricular Activities—Organizations and Clubs (indicate years of involvement and any offices held)**

8. Honors and Awards:

9. Community Service or Other Activities:

**10. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF STUDENT'S High School
TRANSCRIPT**

11. In 75 words, minimum, to 150 words, maximum, please describe in your own words why you want to be a recipient of The Diane Riffie Scholarship and share what role music has played in your life thus far and how music might continue to be a part of your adult life.

January, 2015