



BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND

Dear Friends:

The Birmingham Concert Band is once again pleased to announce the Annual BCB Scholarship Program.

This year the scholarship program offers three (3) scholarships:

- the Rob Olson Honorary Scholarship (grades 1-8, one award up to \$2,000)
- the Dave Falvay Honorary Scholarship (grades 9-10, one award up to \$2,000)
- the Grant Hoemke Honorary Scholarship (grades 11-12, one award up to \$2,000)

All scholarship recipients are expected to attend the BCB Spring Concert in order to be recognized for their musical achievement, and to receive their scholarship award. This year's spring concert is scheduled for 3:00 PM, Sunday, April 6, 2025, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Attached, please find the application criteria and forms. **Complete applications must be received by Friday, March 21, 2025.** Winners will be contacted by Friday, March 28, 2025.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Stephanie Karisny at (586) 610-2059 or skarisny@birminghamconcertband.com.

Musically Yours,

**/s/ Stephanie Karisny, Melanie Hutchings,
Jaime Fugitt, and Mary Schimmel**
Scholarship Committee
Birmingham Concert Band



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2025 Rob Olson Honorary Scholarship

Rob Olson is a charter member of the Birmingham Concert Band who has been playing trumpet with the band since its very first concert in Shain Park in August 1977. Rob is also the leader of the BCB's Straw Hat Band (now the BCB Entertainers), a subset of the BCB which plays concerts for hire and contributes the proceeds to BCB's student scholarship program.

In order to be eligible for the Rob Olson Honorary Scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

- 1) **Must be grade 1-8;**
- 2) **Must be a wind or percussion player; and**
- 3) **Must be accepted/enrolled in a summer music camp/program for 2025 OR currently receiving private music instruction OR desires to begin private music instruction.**

Any interested student meeting the above requirements must submit:

- 1) **Contact and background information including:**
 - a. **Student's name, phone number, and mailing address**
 - b. **Student's school and class year**
 - c. **Student's major instrument[s]**
 - d. **What the student intends to use the scholarship money for (band camp or private lessons)**
 - e. **Name of the summer music camp/program into which student has been accepted (if applicable)**
 - f. **Name and phone number of student's private music instructor (if applicable)**
- 2) **A pre-recorded solo video audition, not to exceed 10 minutes in length, accompanied or unaccompanied;**
- 3) **A letter of recommendation from their school band director or private lesson instructor explaining why the student would be a good candidate for the scholarship; and**
- 4) **A written statement (not more than 500 words) explaining why the student feels they should be chosen to receive the 2025 Rob Olson Honorary Scholarship.**

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2025 Dave Falvay Honorary Scholarship

Dave Falvay was a founding member of the BCB in 1977 and an accomplished trombone player. Dave also started BCB's Straw Hat Band (now the BCB Entertainers), a subset of the BCB which plays concerts for hire and contributes the proceeds to BCB's student scholarship program.

In order to be eligible for the Dave Falvay Honorary Scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Must be grade 9-10;**
- 2) Must be a wind or percussion player; and**
- 3) Must be accepted/enrolled in a summer music camp/program for 2025 OR currently receiving private music instruction OR desires to begin private music instruction.**

Any interested student meeting the above requirements must submit:

- 1) Contact and background information including:**
 - a. Student's name, phone number, and mailing address**
 - b. Student's school and class year**
 - c. Student's major instrument[s]**
 - d. What the student intends to use the scholarship money for (band camp or private lessons)**
 - e. Name of the summer music camp/program into which student has been accepted (if applicable)**
 - f. Name and phone number of student's private music instructor (if applicable)**
- 2) A pre-recorded solo video audition, not to exceed 10 minutes in length, accompanied or unaccompanied;**
- 3) A letter of recommendation from their school band director or private lesson instructor explaining why the student would be a good candidate for the scholarship; and**
- 4) A written statement (not more than 500 words) explaining why the student feels they should be chosen to receive the 2025 Dave Falvay Honorary Scholarship.**

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2025 Grant Hoemke Honorary Scholarship

Grant Hoemke served for 33 years as the Music Director and Conductor of the BCB and is now the Music Director Emeritus. A talented musician, Grant plays both bass clarinet and French horn with the BCB and is the band's Librarian.

In order to be eligible for the Grant Hoemke Honorary Scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

- 1) **Must be grade 11-12;**
- 2) **Must be a wind or percussion player; and**
- 3) **Must have specific plans to continue to participate in instrumental music performance beyond high school (collegiate major in music not required).**

Any interested student meeting the above requirements must submit:

- 1) **Contact and background information including:**
 - a. **Student's name, phone number, and mailing address**
 - b. **Student's high school and class year**
 - c. **Student's major instrument[s]**
- 2) **A pre-recorded solo video audition, not to exceed 10 minutes in length, accompanied or unaccompanied;**
- 3) **A letter of recommendation from their school band director or private lesson instructor explaining why the student would be a good candidate for the scholarship; and**
- 4) **A written statement (not more than 500 words) explaining why the student feels they should be chosen to receive the 2025 Grant Hoemke Honorary Scholarship, including a statement of how they plan to continue to participate in instrumental music performance beyond high school.**

The student chosen to receive the Grant Hoemke Honorary Scholarship must be willing to perform in at least one concert with the Birmingham Concert Band either as a member of the band or as a soloist, to be determined following selection of 2025 awardee.

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