EAST TENNESSEE PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Unit Director,

With the new season upon us, the East Tennessee Performing Arts Association is now accepting scholarship applications for the ETPAA 2024 Scholarship program. We are proud to provide this great opportunity to recognize and honor performers for both their spinning and playing ability, as well as academic achievement.

Three scholarships in the amount of $500 will be awarded for the 2024 season.

Previous years have shown that the East Tennessee Performing Arts Association has many well-rounded young men and women who participate in the activity and continue to do so for many years. Applicants who meet the scholarship criteria will be reviewed by an unbiased selection committee. Scholarship recipients will be awarded based on a combination of merit, character, and need.

The deadline for applications is **March 13, 2024**. Application materials submitted after this date will not be accepted. (Note that aspects of the application are submitted using different methods: email and online. All portions of the application must be received on or before the deadline date.)

Please help us ensure that every qualified student is provided the opportunity to apply for assistance as they strive to reach their future goals by sharing this information with your members. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2024 East Tennessee Performing Arts Association Championships on April 6th, 2024 at Jefferson County High School.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Best of luck this season!

Sincerely,

ETPAA Board of Directors

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. **CRITERIA**
   1.1. Units must be registered members of ETPAA and eligible to compete at the 2024 ETPAA Championships for guard, winds, or percussion.

   1.2. Students applying for the ETPAA Scholarships must be a high school senior and/or will be enrolled as a full-time student at a university, college, trade school, or career/technical school in the fall of 2024/Spring 2025. Current college students may apply if they are NOT in their final semester of study.

2. **APPLICATION PROCESS**
   2.1. **O N L I N E** : Complete the application found in the FORMS & INFO section of the ETPAA website. Be sure to complete the application when time is not an issue as there are several short answer questions. Read the instructions carefully throughout the application.

   2.2. **O N L I N E** : Provide **accurate** email addresses for three (3) references on the online application. References should include your unit director plus two additional references NOT affiliated with your unit. Please do not list family members as references. You will receive a confirmation email when your references are notified.

   2.3. **E M A I L** : Submit your current school transcript via email to secretary@etpaa.org
      - High School transcript (official copy required) of the current semester or graduation date and SAT/ACT scores (copy accepted). Many schools provide these via email. If emailed, transcripts must be sent by a school official and not the student or director. **OR**
      - College transcript (if applicable).

   2.4. **E M A I L** : Submit two (2) photos of the applicant to secretary@etpaa.org. List your full name in the subject line of the email. Should the applicant be awarded a scholarship, these photos may be used on the ETPAA website and/or championship program.

Once your application is submitted, the individuals listed as references will receive the recommendation form via email within one week of your application submission. Please notify the individuals you submitted as references for this process; they may need to check their spam folder. In the event that your reference does not receive the form within 7 days of your submission, please email secretary@etpaa.org. References should be submitted prior to the application deadline to ensure they have ample time to complete their portion of the application.

3. **DEADLINE**
   3.1. All applications must be complete, including reference letters, by March 13, 2024. Any application missing the required elements listed above will not be considered.

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Due Date: March 13, 2024 (all items and letters of recommendation)

Application Steps:
- ❏ Online Application - www.etpaa.org/scholarship

- ❏ Three (3) letters of reference/recommendation (ETPAA Website)
  - ❏ 1 unit director
  - ❏ 2 not affiliated with your unit (may not be a second director, choreographer, band director or instructor)

- ❏ High school transcript and SAT/ACT Scores or college transcript postmarked on or before <u>March 15, 2023</u> (Email - be sure email is sent by a school official)

- ❏ Two (2) photos (Email - List your FULL NAME as the subject of the email)

  - ❏ One Headshot
  - ❏ One Action Shot or Other Photo

Submission Resources:
ETPAA Website: www.etpaa.org/scholarship

Email: secretary@etpaa.org

REFERENCE INFORMATION

This form is designed to aid you in securing the information for your three references. Please fill out the top portion and use it when you fill out the application. Detach the bottom portion and give it to your three references.

YOU WILL NEED TO USE THIS FORM FOR ALL THREE (3) REFERENCES

Reference:

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Dear _____,

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for my 2023 ETPAA Scholarship Application. I have listed you as a reference in my application and provided your email address.

Within 5-7 days, you will receive a link to a reference form from secretary@etpaa.org Please add this to your address book or check your spam folder often. In the event that you do not receive a link within 5-7 days or you feel that your email may have kicked the email address out of the system, (schools with spam filters tend to do this), please email ETPAA at secretary@etpaa.org and request a link to the form.

Please complete your reference no later than March 13, 2024.