

Chittenango Music Booster Association Awards Committee

Scholarship Opportunities

Senior scholarships

1. **“The Chittenango Music Booster Association Award”**. This is awarded to a Chittenango High School senior who is pursuing a music major or minor in college.
2. **“The Chittenango Music Booster Association Award in Memory of Mary Milner”**. This is awarded to a Chittenango High School senior who has shown outstanding involvement in music activities. Mary Milner was a string teacher in Chittenango who had a very enthusiastic way of teaching and who was very popular and well liked.
3. **“The Chittenango Music Booster Association Award in Memory of Gene Ralston”**. This is awarded to a Chittenango High School senior who has shown outstanding dedication and support to music or drama. Gene Ralston was very instrumental in getting a music booster organization started in Chittenango. He was also very involved in the drama department for many years.

The school requests money from the CMBA to fund the above three senior scholarships each year. The scholarship amounts are recommended by the CMBA Awards Committee and voted on by the general membership of the CMBA. The students receiving these scholarships are selected by a committee of school faculty. These scholarships are announced at graduation.

4. **“The Chittenango Music Booster Association Award in Honor of Robert Washbon”**. This is awarded to a Chittenango High School senior who best exhibits and exemplifies the spirit of professionalism in preparation, dependability, conduct and has proven to be a credit to the music program. This student should also be a member of the Tri M Music Honor Society. Bob Washbon worked in the Chittenango School District Music Department for twenty five years, most recently as the High School Band Director and Music Department Chairperson. Mr. Washbon retired from Chittenango High School in June 2006. The CMBA established this scholarship to honor Mr. Washbon for all his wonderful years of service.

The above scholarship is also funded by the CMBA. The amount is recommended by the CMBA Awards Committee and voted on by the general membership of the CMBA. The student receiving this scholarship is selected by a committee of CCS music teachers. This scholarship is announced at the Music Awards Ceremony in June.

“The Marv Arnold Scholarship” – This is awarded to one Chittenango Middle School student each year to use toward a summer music camp. The student is recommended by middle school music teachers and the head of the music department. The student must submit a completed scholarship application with appropriate documentation, as indicated on the scholarship form. The student will be awarded \$100.00 toward their summer music camp. This scholarship is awarded from the Marv Arnold Scholarship Fund, which was established by Mr. Arnold upon his retirement. Marv Arnold was hired in 1969 as the band director for grades 7 through 12. Throughout his years of teaching, he directed band, marching band, and stage band. Marv Arnold retired from Chittenango Middle School in June 2001. He remains active in the local music community.

“The Sara St.Germain Jazz Scholarship” – These are awarded to Chittenango Central School students who participate in Jazz Camps, Groups, or Activities. Students must submit a completed scholarship application with appropriate documentation, as indicated on the scholarship form. Scholarship amounts will be recommended by the CMBA Awards Committee. These scholarships are awarded from the Sara St.Germain Memorial Fund. Sara St.Germain was very involved in jazz during school, and graduated from Chittenango High School in June 2003. Sara died in an accident in the fall of 2003, and at her family’s request, all donations are being used to help students pursue their interest in jazz.

Summer Music Camps/Groups – Interested Chittenango Central School students must submit a completed scholarship application with appropriate documentation, as indicated on the scholarship form. Scholarship amounts will be recommended by the CMBA Awards Committee, up to 25% of the cost of the camp/group, based upon available funds. Students may see their music teacher to find out about these opportunities.

The names of Chittenango Central School students who participate in the following groups are provided to the CMBA by their music teachers: (These groups are detailed under “Additional Music Opportunities.”)

1. **Syracuse Children’s Chorus** – all participants are mailed a scholarship application and those completed and returned are given a scholarship award with the amount recommended by the CMBA Awards Committee, up to 25% of the cost of the group, based upon available funds.
2. **Syracuse Symphony Youth Orchestra & Syracuse Symphony Youth String Orchestra** - all participants are mailed a scholarship application and those completed and returned are given a scholarship award with the amount recommended by the CMBA Awards Committee, up to 25% of the cost of the group, based upon available funds.
3. **Allegro Wind Ensemble** – all participants are mailed a scholarship application and those completed and returned are given a scholarship award with the amount recommended by the CMBA Awards Committee, up to 25% of the cost of the group, based upon available funds.
4. **Other groups** recommended by the music teacher. These would have the same criteria as above.

Completed scholarship applications must be received by the Awards Committee no later than June 1st to be considered for the current school year. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Students must have completed or will be completing the group/camp for which they are requesting a scholarship.

All scholarship amounts that are recommended by the CMBA Awards Committee are voted on for approval by the general membership of the CMBA at the June meeting. Scholarships checks are mailed to the students approximately 2 to 3 weeks following that meeting. These checks are made payable to the parent of the student. The senior scholarship checks are made payable to the student and delivered to the school sometime in early July, following correspondence from the school. The school then distributes the senior scholarship awards.

Recognition and Awards

The CMBA provides awards to Chittenango Central School students who participate in music activities beyond their regular school music classes. The type of awards are determined yearly by the CMBA Awards Committee, based upon available funds.

Typically, certificates and awards (pins, magnets, medals) are given for participation in:

1. Junior High Area All State (takes place in November)
2. Senior High Area All State (takes place in February)
3. Conference All State (takes place in December)
4. Winter All County (takes place in January)
5. Spring All County (takes place in March)
6. CMS Solo Festival (takes place in April)
7. NYSSMA Festivals (takes place in May)

Music teachers provide the lists of students that participated in the above events. The awards are given out at the Music Awards Ceremony in June.

The CMBA also makes every effort to provide recognition of students by including their names in the programs for the spring concerts. The district newsletter and local paper are also used.