



Thomas Jefferson Band Patrons, Inc.

310 Old Clairton Road
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025

Senior Spirit Award

March 24, 2017

Dear Senior Band Student:

Each year, the Thomas Jefferson Band Patrons sponsor two (2) Senior Spirit Awards. Each award is worth \$250. The award is based on the spirit of what being a member of the Thomas Jefferson High School Marching band has meant to the student. All graduating senior instrumentalist, majorettes, color guard and managers who have participated in the Thomas Jefferson High School Marching Band for their 4 years of high school (or who have participated since moving into the West Jefferson Hills School District) are eligible to apply. Enclosed please find an application for the Senior Spirit Award.

The application criterion includes the following:

- ♪ The award must be used for post secondary school (such as art school, technical school, college, or university) expenses.
- ♪ The essay must be approximately 500 words, typed and double spaced.
- ♪ **Do not place your name on or in the body of the essay. It should appear only on the application.**
- ♪ Do not include your QPA, class rank, transcript, or financial information.
- ♪ The application and essay must be **submitted to Mr. Kilcoyne**, in the Guidance Office, no later than **April 21, 2017**.
- ♪ The application must be signed by both the student and a parent.

Essays may be judged by officers of the Band Patrons, members of the Thomas Jefferson faculty, administration, or guidance office. The announcement of the winners will take place at the Band Banquet at the end of May. The monetary award will also be given at that time.

Entries may be disqualified due to the following:

- ♪ Submitting the application and essay after the due date.
- ♪ Including your name on or in the body of the essay.
- ♪ Someone other than the applicant writing the essay.
- ♪ Not being a senior band member in the current graduating class.
- ♪ Falsifying any information on the application or essay.
- ♪ Not following the criteria as written.

Should you have any questions please contact me as listed below.

Good Luck and enjoy the rest of your senior year!

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Thomas Jefferson Band Patrons Senior Spirit Award Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Post-Secondary School/University/College attending: _____

Address of Institution: _____

Planned Major of Study: _____

Years participated in the TJ Marching Band: _____

Section/Role with the Band: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Community Activities: _____

Verification

I hereby affirm that the answers to the above questions are complete and accurate. If asked to give proof of any information on this application, I will do so. If I fail to do so, I understand that I will be required to forfeit my application. I understand that any omissions or misstatements in my response to any question on this application may disqualify my chances for this award. I verify that I alone composed the answer to the essay question as written.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

Please answer the following prompt in an approximately 500 words typed, double-spaced essay and submit to Mr. Kilcoyne in the Guidance Office no later than April 21, 2017 along with the application form.

“What being a member of the Thomas Jefferson High School Band has meant to me”