

Fond du Lac Area Foundation

Raymond C. Wifler Music Scholarship

The Raymond C. Wifler Music Scholarship was established by the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band to honor Dr. Raymond C. Wifler and to enable deserving music students to receive private instruction on their instrument. Dr. Wifler served the Fond du Lac community for 43 years as music director of the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band. This scholarship is intended to honor his legacy and encourage musical excellence among young musicians who are involved in school and community bands.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Two \$250 semester scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- is a student who is currently in Grades 9-12 or the first year of college (grade 13).
- attends any school in Fond du Lac County or the Lomira School District
- plays an instrument that is used in a concert band or jazz ensemble
- is a member of their school concert band and/or jazz ensemble, or an adult instrumental group such as the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band, completes the application, which includes a personal statement and a recommendation from their school band director. **Please Note:** Band Director Recommendations are to be sent directly to the Fond du Lac Area Foundation by the Band Director. They are not to be sent in by the applicant.
- application and director recommendation forms are due by **March 15.**
- performs an audition to be scheduled and performed by June 1
- Activities listed on the next page of the application, such as INSTRUMENTAL INVOLVEMENT, MUSIC AWARDS AND COMMUNITY MUSIC INVOLVEMENT will be given consideration but will not necessarily be the determining factor in deciding the scholarship winner.

Mail completed applications to: Fond du Lac Area Foundation
 1020 S. Main Street, Suite E
 Fond du Lac, WI 45935

If awarded the scholarship, an instructor contract will be provided to the student.

Raymond C. Wifler Music Scholarship STUDENT APPLICATION

Name _____ Telephone _____
 Last First

Address _____

_____ City State Zip Code

Email Address _____

Grade ____ School _____ Director _____ Instrument _____

Parent(s) Name _____ Telephone _____

Parent Email Address _____

Parent Signature (Grade 9-12 only) _____

ACTIVITIES

INSTRUMENTAL INVOLVEMENT-SCHOOL (bands, choirs, ensembles, etc.)	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	College
MUSIC AWARDS RECEIVED (solo and ensemble, Sousa award, etc.)	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	College
MUSIC INVOLVEMENT-COMMUNITY (community ensembles, performances, etc.)	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	College

*Use the back of this sheet if necessary.

Personal Statement (300 words or less) -- Attach statement to application.

The statement may include any or all of the following items:

- Why do you want to study your instrument privately?
- How do you plan to use your knowledge from studying privately?
- Why do you feel you deserve this scholarship?

Audition

You will be asked to audition for a panel in addition to completing this application.

- You will be required to perform a solo
- May be a solo from the WSMA festival list (or one of your own choosing) or a jazz improvisation solo
- No accompaniment for a solo, except jazz improvisation, which must provide a recorded accompaniment

Additional Information

- Upon selection, a private instructor will be reviewed and approved by the scholarship committee. If needed, a recommendation will be made. The instructor will be paid directly from the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band.
- Students may apply to receive this scholarship more than once, as long as they continue to meet the criteria. A second audition may not be required.
- Students must have their school band director fill out the following recommendation and submit it by March 15.

**RAYMOND C. WIFLER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
BAND DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION**

Student name _____
is applying for the Raymond C. Wifler Music Scholarship. This will include \$250 worth of lessons on their applied instrument from a private instructor approved by the committee. Please fill out the following recommendation and return by **March 15**** to:

Fond du Lac Area Foundation
1020 S. Main Street, Suite E
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Band director name _____

Please rate the student on the following:

	Excellent				Poor
	5	4	3	2	1
Musicianship					
Motivation					
Dependability					
Dedication					

Comments:

Director's Signature _____

*This form is for committee use only. It will not be shared with the student.
****Please Note:** Director Recommendation must be returned by March 15th in order for student to be considered for the application. A late Director Recommendation, could be the cause of a student not getting the scholarship.