



Clover Band Scholarship Program

No student should be denied the opportunity to participate in the band program based upon their financial circumstances. However, the CHS Band program does require funding above and beyond what the Clover School District provides. The Clover Band Boosters have established a Scholarship Fund to assist families with a demonstrated financial need in meeting their obligation to pay fees resulting from their student's desire to participate in the Clover High School Marching Band program. This document establishes some basic guidelines for the Band Scholarship Program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parents or Guardians must complete the attached application form and submit it to the Clover Band Boosters. Forms may be submitted by mail, given directly to the Band Director, or dropped in the drop box in the band room. Forms must be submitted by the indicated deadline to be considered for a scholarship. All information is kept confidential. Scholarship monies are only for participation in the marching band and do not cover participation in any extracurricular ensemble such as *winter guard* or *indoor drumline* and are not applicable for trip fees associated with "**optional**" band trips. Furthermore, paying for optional trips but receiving a scholarship for band fees is not allowed.

GUIDELINES/REQUIREMENTS

In order to promote equity among students and parents, our desire is for everyone in the band program to contribute financially to its success. By participating fully in fund raising and other band activities, we can maintain a successful program and lower the financial burden on all families.

- Students receiving a scholarship and/or their parents agree to participate in **ALL** fundraisers and band activities.
- Students receiving a scholarship must maintain a C average in band class and exhibit good conduct.
- Scholarships may be withdrawn if a student and/or their parents do not maintain the basic eligibility requirements.

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

The Band Director and the Clover Band Boosters Executive Board will review scholarship applications; recommendations are final. Applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria, including, but not limited to:

- Demonstrated financial need (primary factor)
- Overall effort and participation in band and band activities
- Participation in Clover band-sponsored fundraising activities
- Band Fees payment history and communication

All awards will be in the form of a "waiver" of band fees/credit to a student's CHARMS ledger. Also, awards may not necessarily be for the amount requested. Late applications may be discarded entirely or considered only after all other awards are made and based on any remaining scholarship funds available. All fundraising efforts of students receiving scholarship will go to the CHS Band Booster General fund to help offset the cost of the scholarship.

POSSIBLE SCHOLARSHIPS OPTIONS

Arrangement 1: Alternative Payment Schedule

Upon request, an alternative payment schedule can be made. Because the majority of band expenses occur at the beginning of the marching season, we have established a payment plan so that all fees are paid by November. An alternative payment schedule can be arranged:

EXAMPLE:

- May - \$100 intent fee
- July - \$50
- August - \$50
- September - \$50
- October - \$50
- November - \$50
- January - \$50
- February - \$50
- March - \$50
- April - \$50
- **TOTAL: \$550**

Arrangement 2: Partial Scholarship

For those who cannot make the above payment schedule, we would consider reducing fees to an agreed upon amount an individual party can afford. Historically, it has been a 25% - 50% reduction based on evaluated needs. Using this arrangement, the booster club would provide matching funds via CHARMS. Once a student has paid "X" amount into the ledger the booster club would waive "X" amount for the student. *(Example: Student agrees to pay \$275, boosters will waive the remaining \$275 once the ledger has \$275 in funds/fundraising.)*

Criteria for meeting Full Scholarships include:

- Proof of financial burden and hardship is required
- Students that have applied successfully for free/reduced lunch services fit into this category

Arrangement 3: Full Scholarship

In extreme cases of financial hardship, a student's band fees may be waived by the Booster Club.

Criteria for meeting Full Scholarships include:

- Proof of financial burden and hardship is required
- Students that have applied successfully for free/reduced lunch services fit into this category

Please note: the quantity and dollar amount of the awards made may vary from year to year based on the number of applications received and the success of Clover Band fundraising activities, regardless of the budget amount estimated for the scholarship fund. Only those applicants selected for an award will be notified.

It is the *intent* of the Scholarship Committee to make a decision regarding scholarship awards within 2-3-weeks of the application deadline.

CHS Band Scholarship Application

Scholarships are administered by the Clover Band Boosters Scholarship Committee in cooperation with the Band Staff. **Awards are based on a demonstrated financial need and overall effort and participation in Band and Band Activities including fundraisers.** Please complete the following and submit the application to the Band Director's Office, the Band Room Drop Box, or by mail.

Clover High School Band
1625 Hwy 55 East
Clover, SC 29710

ALL information is kept confidential

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Instrument/Section: _____

Request for: full scholarship partial scholarship

Please describe financial need: _____

Band involvement (*check all that apply*):

Marching Band Concert Band Wind Ensemble Jazz Band Winter Guard Indoor Drumline

What fundraisers have you or your student participated in? How many hours? _____

Please check the fundraisers you plan to participate in to help with offset band fees:

Autobell Sale

Coupon Book

Other fundraisers

Fall BBQ*

Sheet Sale

BoA Stadium

Spring BBQ*

**At a minimum students and/or parents are expected to assist with the BBQ fundraisers as workers.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian

Official Use Only: Date Received: _____

Date Reviewed by Band Director: _____

Recommendation: Approved Denied

Comments: _____

Date Reviewed by Scholarship Committee: _____

Recommendation: Approved Denied

Comments: _____

Award Amount: \$ _____