



Montana Bandmasters Association Music Scholarship

The Montana Bandmasters Association (MBA) recognizes the need for good band directors in the state of Montana. In order to further this belief, the MBA has established a scholarship in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). It will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who will be going on to become a band director.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Must be on track to graduate high school in the spring of 2026 with a 3.0 GPA or higher.
2. Must major in music education at a **Montana university or college** (no out of state institutions).
3. Must major on a **wind or percussion instrument**.
4. Applicant's band director must be a member in good standing of the MBA.
5. Must submit a completed application, including all required letters and materials (listed below).

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Completed application form (see page 2)
- Current high school transcript
- Two (2) letters of recommendation selected from the following:
 - Current band director
 - Administrator or other faculty member
 - Private music instructor
- An essay detailing your reasoning for wanting to become a band director (500 words or less)
- Additional written materials (please include all of the following):
 - Musical organizations and activities of which you have been a member
 - Any awards you have received
 - Solos/ensembles you have performed in at music festival and the ratings you received
 - Other school/community organizations, activities, jobs, etc., of which you have been a part of; also list offices held and awards received

DISBURSEMENT DETAILS:

Payment will be made to the recipient's financial aid account following the completion of the first semester of college, providing the scholarship recipient has fulfilled the following requirements:

1. Successfully completed one semester as a full time music education major.
2. Be enrolled as a full time music education major for a second consecutive semester.

If for any reason the recipient does not meet these requirements, the scholarship will go to the second place finalist.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Applications can be submitted by email or through the postal service. Mailed applications must be postmarked by **May 15th, 2026**. Emailed applications must be received by **11:59 p.m. on May 15th, 2026**. Applicants shall be notified by June 5th, 2026 if they have been selected as the scholarship recipient. Please send all application materials to:

Jennifer Skogley
1202 Leslie Ave.
Helena, MT 59601

OR

Email all application materials to: jskogley@helenaschools.org (please send documents as attachments, not shared files)



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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

(Please make sure this is an email address that you will use regularly after you graduate high school.)

Band Director's Name: _____

Montana college/university you will attend: _____

Main instrument (wind or percussion): _____

I have attached the following required materials:

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By submitting this application, I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements.