**2014 MRHS Orchestra Senior Scholarship Application and Information**

Deadline: Wed. May 1, 2014 by 2:35pm

Interview: Thurs. May 15, 2014, time TBA

The Morton Ranch High School Orchestra Booster Organization will be providing two scholarships to be awarded to qualified seniors towards their college expenses. One scholarship will be a general scholarship for $500, and the other a music scholarship for $1,000.

**Criteria for Application**

1. Applicant must be a MRHS Senior currently enrolled in the Orchestra program.
2. Applicant must submit all materials to Ms. Gilliland before or on 5-1-14 by 2:35pm.
3. Applicant must participate in a 10-15 minute interview on May 15th at MRHS.

**Application Process:**

Applicant must submit the following:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, print legibly).

2. Two (2) character references in the form of a letter of recommendation.

3. A copy of their most recent transcript with cumulative grade point average.

4. A formal resume to include academic, fine arts, and athletic high school achievements, as well as community service.

5. A personal essay, typed, not to exceed 2 pages double spaced.

In your essay, please address all of the following points:

* ***What qualities and skills have you learned in orchestra?***
* ***How will those qualities and skills specifically help you in your future endeavors?***
* ***How does music help the world?***

**Interview:**

Applicants will have a brief interview with a panel of three judges who will each ask one question. Interviews will last between 10-15 minutes each and will be anonymous. Applicants will arrive on the evening of May 15th and will be given a number. Interviews will take place in the orchestra room. Interviewees are expected to dress formally.

**Winners:**

The panel of three judges will score each candidate according to their materials (complete application and quality of writing), as well as provide a score for the interview responses (degree of poise, professionalism, depth of responses, and merit). Scores will be tallied and the top two candidates will be awarded the scholarship.

Winners of the MRHS Orchestra Booster Organization Scholarships will be announced at the final Spring Orchestra Concert Tues. May 20th which will be held in the PAC at 7pm.

**Note:** Scholarships will only be awarded and considered for students who have completed the application process and have provided all required materials. Missing items will result in lowered scores. Scholarships may not be awarded even in the case of completed applications and interviews if the judges feel that a high enough standard has not been met.

**2014 MRHS Orchestra Booster Organization Scholarship Application Page and Checklist**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Age:**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Class Period:**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in orchestra (JH and HS): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List the names of the orchestras that you have participated: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in full orchestra? Yes or No If yes, how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in solo and ensemble? Yes or No If yes, how many years? \_\_\_\_

List the colleges that you have applied to:

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Have you been accepted to a college yet? Yes or No If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your prospective major? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your prospective career? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Make sure that your application contains all of the following:

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