



Gwen Dugan Morris Memorial Scholarship for the LHS Marching Band

DEADLINE: February 12, 2024 2024 SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000

Gwen Dugan Morris graduated from Lexington High School in 1989 where she passionately participated in the LHS Marching Band all four years of her high school career. She left her hometown of Lexington to attend the University of South Carolina on a vocal music scholarship, yet ended up earning a degree in Business Administration. However, her enthusiasm and love for music remained strong.

As a parent of Lexington District One students, Gwen served in many volunteer roles and was a particularly passionate supporter of the Lexington High School Cat Band Booster Club. Gwen served as the Concessions Chairperson and was elected as the Booster Club President from 2018 through 2020. Music was always a big part of her life whether playing in Band, singing, or supporting her children. She even got her husband, Zane, involved when their youngest daughter became a part of the LHS Marching Band.

This scholarship is named in memory of Gwen and honors her passion and love for the LHS Marching Band. It was created by her family – husband, Zane, and daughters, Savannah and Chloe - as well as many friends who loved Gwen and helped to make it a wonderful legacy to Gwen's life.

Scholarship Criteria & Selection Process

In remembering Gwen, this scholarship will be awarded to an individual who shares her love and commitment to the Lexington High School Bands.

Specific Criteria - Applicants must meet the following requirements in order to be considered:

- Minimum high school unweighted GPA of 3.25.
- Pursuing a degree at a 4-year college or university.
- Lexington High School Band student who has been actively participating in the marching band all four years of high school.
- Member of the SCBDA All-State Band at least 1 year.
- Holds a leadership position in the LHS band.
- Member of the LHS Wind Ensemble/Top Band.
- Participates in outside music clinics and master classes.
- Goes above and beyond the normal duties of an LHS band student.
- Student should submit a musical resume and biographical essay of their career in the LHS band.

Applicants will be selected by a Lexington One Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee based on information included in the scholarship application. Results will be announced at the Lexington High School Awards Ceremony in spring of current school year.



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How to Apply

1. Complete the scholarship application, including requested information and essay questions.
2. Request official high school transcript from LHS Counseling to be included in application packet.
3. Secure and submit a Letter of Recommendation from a recent teacher, employer or community organization leader who knows the applicant well and is not a relative.
4. Must attend the LHS Awards Night that is scheduled in spring if selected for the scholarship.
5. Submit all requested information to the LHS Counseling office on or before the deadline.

How the scholarship is awarded: Recipient must sign and return Foundation's Scholarship Agreement Form that is given at the awards night to the Lexington One Educational Foundation in order for checks to be processed in July and November (\$500 each). Checks are made payable to the chosen college/university noting the student's name as the award recipient.

Scholarship Application

Please print legibly.

Name (full): _____

Address: _____
City/State Zip Code

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____ **Class Rank:** _____ **GPA:** _____

Birthdate: ___/___/___ **Telephone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

Have you received an official letter of acceptance for college admission? Yes No

Name of college(s): _____

Do you have any siblings attending college? Yes No

If so, please list their names, year in college during following year, and school attending:



List your active memberships in school activities, academic clubs, and service organizations (Résumé may be attached):

List any financial and/or scholarship awards you have applied for and/or expect to receive (Please note if you have applied and not yet received notification of scholarship awards.):

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Essay Questions

(Additional pages may be attached. Please write legibly.)

1. In 200 words or less, please describe how you have been involved in LHS Marching Band and why.

2. Describe what the LHS Catband has meant to you as an individual.



3. How will you continue to pursue music in college and beyond?

I have read and understand the conditions of the Gwen Dugan Morris Memorial Scholarship for the LHS Marching Band as explained in the current scholarship application. I affirm that all information submitted in my application is accurate and true and that I agree to the terms of the scholarship if it is awarded to me.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Note: Please return your scholarship application with all required information to the Lexington High School Counseling Office by the published deadline.