

Text & Questions on the Baker Music Scholars Application

Use for draft purposes only – not an official grant application

INTRODUCTION

The deadline for submitting student grant applications is Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. All rules and guidelines for completing grant applications can be viewed at https://www.parkwayschools.net/grants. Please review them before completing your application.

Students - get ready to tell us about your dream in music!

Parkway students (grades 10-11) who are interested in a music-related opportunity and also participate in at least one of the Parkway high school bands (concert, marching or jazz) can apply for this grant (up to \$250).

The Parkway Alumni Association's John Baker Music Scholars Award is designed to support the principles espoused by West High's former director of bands, Dr. John Baker - excellence in musicianship, leadership and character.

WHO CAN APPLY? Parkway students in grades 10-11 who are interested in a music-related opportunity and currently participate in at least one of the Parkway high school bands (concert, marching or jazz) can apply for this grant (up to \$250).

When completing this application, please remember:

- USE YOUR OWN WORDS. We like it when you explain things yourself! Please don't copy text from a brochure and don't use your parent's words.
- BE INVISIBLE! Your application can be disqualified if you write your name, address, names of your teachers and school staff, or the name of your school (and mascot) anywhere in Section 1 of this application.
- THE BAKER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP IS FOR MONEY to help you pursue your dream in music. Examples of acceptable endeavors include (but are not limited to) purchasing a new instrument, sheet music, or an optional music class or lessons. If your dream is to shadow a music professional on his/her job or visit a facility, you should apply for a Dream Grant.
- WE WILL NOT GRANT YOU MONEY FOR A REQUIRED BAND ACTIVITY. Schools usually have fundraising opportunities to help with expenses for trips or camps that are planned by the band director.
- WE WILL NOT GRANT YOU MONEY TO GIVE TO OTHER PEOPLE. Your application must be for a learning experience that directly benefits you. It's okay if your learning experience teaches you to do something that helps others. For example, if your grant pays for a music therapy class, you can use the knowledge and skills you gain from the class to play for residents at an adult care center.
- YOU CAN APPLY FOR A DREAM GRANT in addition to the Baker Music Scholarship. You'll need to complete another registration form and choose the Dream Grant application. Dream Grants can award up to \$250.
- You can submit more than one Baker grant application, but each one has to be for a different project or dream. You also must complete a separate registration for each application.

NOTE: If you close this window before finishing the application, you will lose the information. It might be a good idea to write your answers on paper or in a Word document first, then type/copy/paste them into this form.



The following questions are provided for students who want to work on a DRAFT before completing their grant application. This document is not an acceptable grant application – students must use the online form that was emailed to them after completing the Registration Form.

Students can copy/paste their draft text into the appropriate spaces on their selected grant application.

Parkway Student Number on Infinite Campus - this is a seven-digit number (see diagram below) next to your student's photo in the "Today" window.



Title of your Application (for example, Sliding into Rhythm with Trombone Training; Making My Fingers Fly on the Flute; From Bass Sax to Baton - Learning to be a Drum Major; Clarinet Camp in the Catskills; etc.)

- 1) How would you use a John Baker Music Scholars Award? (Please write a paragraph about this, not just a short answer.)
- 2) How would this opportunity help you grow as a musician and benefit your school band?
- 3) What instruments do you play and how long have you played each of them? Include the study of your band instrument, as well as other instruments.
- 4) What band classes have you taken? Include the ones you're taking this school year.
- 5) In addition to your school band, have you studied music in other ways? Examples could include vocal music, music theory classes, extracurricular camps and lessons.
- 6) Describe any leadership positions you've held in your school band or other organizations.
- 7) Have you received any music honors or awards? Examples could include recognition in solo and ensemble festivals, selection to All Suburban Band or All State Band, etc.
- 8) Do you participate in any additional school or non-school music organizations? Examples could include a pep band, local or suburban orchestras, STL Youth Orchestra, garage band, etc.
- Student's Parkway email address
- Parent's or Guardian's email address
- Parkway educator's email address (same one you provided on registration form)
- Grade
- School