

The Brent Lewis - Theodore C. Smith IV Commemorative Scholarship

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Application for Brent Lewis – Theodore C. Smith IV Commemorative Scholarship

Sponsored by:

Downingtown High School Music Parents Association

Applications for this scholarship may be obtained from your guidance counselor, music director, the school website or can be downloaded from the DHSMPA website at www.dhsmpa.org.

This scholarship for senior Downingtown High School Band Members will be in the amount of \$1000.00 and will be awarded to one band student (band, drums, guard) from each Downingtown East and Downingtown West (STEM inclusive). This award will be sent directly to your enrolled institution.

<u>Instructions:</u>

- 1. Applications received postmarked after April 6, 2020 will not be accepted
- 2. Application information should be kept as anonymous as possible
- 3. Do NOT turn in a personal resume
- 4. Application Essay must be typed using a minimum font size of 11 pt.
- 5. Application pages MUST be single-sided only
- 6. FAILURE TO FOLLOW ANY AND ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL LIKELY DISQUALIFY YOUR APPLICATION.

The application MUST be returned to the MPA Post Office Box at the address below and postmarked no later than April 6, 2020.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IF GIVEN

TO GUIDANCE COUNSELORS OR TO MUSIC DIRECTORS.

Downingtown High School Music Parents Association Attn: MPA Scholarship Committee PO Box 606, Downingtown, PA 19335

Identification Code:	
	(to be completed by committee)

I am a band student at Downingtown (circle): **East** or **West** High School (please circle one)

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Theodore (Ted) Smith was a senior in the Downingtown High School Band during Mr. Lewis's first year of teaching. Ted was a fine musician, a hard working student and an extremely dedicated band member whose commitment to the good of the band was far more important than his own individual needs. Enjoying the company and comradery of his fellow band members, Ted thrived as a member and enjoyed the love, respect, and friendship of all involved.

Ted tragically was afflicted with an illness (cancer) that within a year or two took his life. Despite his illness, and debilitating medical treatments, Ted continued to give his very best up and until he no longer could play his trombone. The following fall, physically unable to attend his beloved Albright College, Ted volunteered whenever possible to help the Downingtown Marching Band, despite physical limitations, in whatever way or manner in which he could.

Ted was a role model as a member and an inspiration to all who knew and worked with him. He specifically was an inspiration to Mr. Lewis who often found himself measuring the character of other students over the years through comparison with Ted and his traits. This scholarship, commemorating the 35 years of service and the retirement of Mr. Lewis, is being dedicated, in loving memory, to the infatigable and inspirational spirit of Theodore Smith.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- 1. The scholarship application and Identification cover sheet must be postmarked by the assigned deadline date.
- 2. Neatness counts in application and students are encouraged to answer the following questions on an attached sheet(s).
- 3. Current graduating senior members of concert/symphonic band AND marching band or color guard (this of course includes drumline members). The term band will be used inclusively in this document.
- 4. Students will have had to be in band for at least three years of their high school experience.
- 5. Students must be planning on post-secondary participation (college, university, etc.) in band at their institution. This can be a concert, marching, jazz band or orchestra experience. If the institution does not have a band program, the student may meet the requirement by participating in a local accredited community band or a drum and bugle corps.

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Please answer the following:

- 1. What is your current GPA?
- 2. Please list the school sponsored high school music activities in which you have participated during your high school years.
- 3. Please list any music activities in which you have participated outside of high school. These may include private instruction on your instrument. Please limit these activities to your four years of high school.
- 4. Please list any non-music activities or organizations in which you have participated. They can be school or non-school sponsored organizations. Limit these to your four years of high school.
- 5. Please list any leadership positions, and/or special honor(s) or acknowledgement(s) you've received in any of the above mentioned organizations or activities in which you have participated during your four years of high school.
- 6. Where, and in what band(s), do you plan on participating in college or institute for higher learning.
- 7. Ted Smith's friendliness, musicianship, and his personal dedication to the good of the band were the traits that brought him the highest levels of respect and admiration from his peers. His leadership was strong, yet quiet and came from example. In a page or less, tell us about your strengths and how they have positively affected the band and your peers.
- 8. List three current high school faculty members that would be willing to vouch for your character. Include their course of study or "discipline", an email address contact for each, and have the teacher initial his or her listing.



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				Identification Code (To be completed by Scholarship Committee)
Applicant's Name:				_
Applicant's Address:				
Applicant's Telephone:)		_
Applicant's Band High School:	□ East		□ West	

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Faculty Member Verification			
Listed Contacts	Applicable Band Director		
□ Yes / □ No - Contact #1	□ Yes / □ No - E. Otto		
□ Yes / □ No - Contact #2	□ Yes / □ No – A. German		
□ Yes / □ No - Contact #3			

The identification cover sheet, and responses to these questions, are to be postmarked and mailed together to the following address by the deadline date of April 6, 2020.

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