

The Chaz Hunsdorfer Memorial Scholarship

To award a scholarship to a graduating Perkiomen Valley High School student(s) who is actively involved in the Perkiomen Valley High School Music Department and is continuing his/her education at a college or university.

The Scholarship

The Chaz Hunsdorfer Memorial Scholarship is a college/university scholarship for graduating Perkiomen Valley High School seniors who are actively involved in the Perkiomen Valley High School Music Department. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist with tuition.

Music changed and shaped Chaz's life. Chaz started learning music as part of the St. Nicholas choir at Church of the Holy Spirit, Harleysville, PA. In fourth grade, he began playing clarinet through the PV music program. The clarinet was not his first choice in instruments, but it was the instrument that was available for him to start on. He really wanted to play saxophone in the jazz band, so when 7th grade rolled around, I encouraged him to talk to his teacher about switching instruments. In 8th grade, Chaz was the first class to go through PV Middle School West, and got a lot of encouragement there in his pursuit of playing saxophone. In 8th grade he started on auxiliary percussion for the high school indoor percussion program. Freshman year he continued playing clarinet in the high school concert band and wind ensemble, marched saxophone, learned xylophone for indoor percussion, played saxophone in jazz band and was in the school choir, church choir, symphony orchestra, and played in the pit orchestra for the musical. The summer before sophomore year, he learned to play baritone, and marched baritone that fall. At some point he also learned a little tuba and also some valve trombone. I know he played tuba with our church brass ensemble for holidays, but at this point, I started to lose track of what he was playing where. He was involved in all these groups, in the spring of his sophomore year started a part-time job, while also maintaining his good grades.

When Chaz decided he was going to do something, like learn an instrument, he kept at it until he got it down. He always wanted to have sectionals, and have the section be the best it could be. But most of all, he wanted the whole section (and the whole ensemble) to want it as badly as he did.

If any new students started at PV, you can bet that Chaz was the first to ask them if they played an instrument, and if they did, he encouraged them to join in the music program. I think if they didn't play an instrument, he would have told them to take one up!

The music program was home base for Chaz and he lived in the band room like I'm sure most of you have throughout your years here. And he loved the time he spent there, learning instruments, learning music, and learning about life by being surrounded by the wonderful students and role models our music program provides.

Chaz would have graduated with the class of 2009. He died when he was struck by a car while riding his bike on July 11, 2007. The world lost a dynamic, caring, loving person, who had a lot to give and gave it freely. He had many friends and family who love and miss him dearly.

Eligibility

1. Must be a college bound senior as demonstrated by acceptance to a college or university.
2. Must be a quality student as demonstrated by an acceptable GPA and a letter of recommendation from an adult or teacher not affiliated with the High School Music Program.
3. Must be a member of the High School Music Program and active in 3 or more (music programs) groups each school year.
4. Must be proficient in 2 or more instruments (not excluding voice)
5. Must provide an acceptance letter from the college or university.
6. Must demonstrate financial need.
7. Must have some of the following characteristics including:
 - Be an active promoter of the music program
 - Encourage others to improve through the leadership program
 - Quality student
 - Respectful of all people
 - Have a positive attitude
 - Be polite

Requirements

- Application should be received by the Scholarship committee by _____.
- The application form and essay once completed should be sent to:
- The application form must be complete. Do not feel constrained by the space on the application form when completing the various sections. We prefer you use additional pages as required.
- Be sure to include the following:
 - Letter of reference from an adult or teacher not associated with the High School Music Program or a family member. Include their address and telephone number.
 - Copy of high school transcript.
 - Proof of acceptance to college or university.
 - Proof of financial need. Write a brief statement of financial need.
 - Anything else that you might consider relevant.
- All applicants will be notified of the results of the selection process.

Award Notification

Winners of the scholarship will be announced at the annual Music Program Banquet/Awards Dinner.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Personal Data

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State: _____

Telephone: _____

School Information

Attending: _____

Address: _____

City / State: _____

Major: _____

Other Information

Please list all other scholarships and grants you have received as well as other activities you participated in:

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