

# From the Board

## Bruce Beach, 2012-13 TBA Vice President

Greetings to everyone. I hope that your contest preparation is going in the right direction. For those of you who have already been to contest, congratulations.

I trust that your programs and performances were successful and you are pleased with their progress. For those of us still preparing for contest, good luck and enjoy!

The Texas Bandmasters Association is pleased to announce the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship is named for a past TBA President and Texas band director who touched the lives of many people.

This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate band member majoring in Music Education at a Texas college or university. The award is for \$4000 and the winner will be announced at the TBA business meeting held during the convention July 21-24, 2013.

As Vice President, it is my honor and privilege to chair the process that selects and honors one of our future Texas band directors. I ask all middle and high school directors to help get the word out to any students you feel worthy of this award. Students who are enrolled at a Texas college or university and meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- Attended a Texas high school
- Is a brass, percussion or woodwind

instrumentalist who participated in his/her high school band

- Is currently majoring in Music Education



- Plans to teach band in Texas
- Has completed a minimum of 60 hours toward a Music Education degree
- Maintains a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Applications for the scholarship can be found on the TBA website

[www.texasbandmasters.org](http://www.texasbandmasters.org). Click on the drop down bar labeled "Resources". Download, complete and send the application to 7359 Luz de Dia Court, El Paso, TX 79912. Or email everything to [beachbeachmus@aol.com](mailto:beachbeachmus@aol.com). Another option to submit is the convenient Uploader Application on the TBA website.

Applicants need to include the following materials with their application:

- Three letters of recommendation
- A copy of their current college transcript
- A resume
- A short essay or personal statement that speaks to the following:
  - \* Your intention to apply for the scholarship
  - \* Educational, musical and extracurricular activities
  - \* Any other pertinent information that may help determine your potential

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## **From the Board - Bruce Beach**

Deadline to submit the application is May 1, 2013.

If you have any questions or comments, contact me at *beachbeachmus@aol.com*. All this information is on the TBA website, under the drop down bar labeled "Resources".

The Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship is supported by donations from band directors, administrators, TBA Sustaining Members and Band Booster Clubs. Please give consideration to making a donation to the Scholarship Fund and help TBA continue to provide this worthy award to one of our future Texas band directors. You may use the donation form on the TBA website to make a tax deductible contribution.

Good luck as you persevere through the spring semester. I hope that it will be successful and rewarding for you and your students. See all of you at the convention, July 21-24, 2013.