

Malcom Helm Memorial Scholarship

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Greetings to my fellow bandmasters! Well, it's that time of year again. We are all knee deep into preparations for UIL Contest, festival performances, spring concerts and planning band trips...not to mention planning for next year's marching show! It is enough to drive you insane (if you're not already there). I hope that all is going well and that you have a prosperous and successful semester. Be sure to enjoy the process as much as the performance and best of luck!

The Texas Bandmasters Association is pleased to announce the 21st annual Malcolm Helm Memorial Scholarship. Malcom Helm is a Past President of TBA whose life enriched the lives of the people around him. This scholarship was established to honor the man, his profession, and his unwavering commitment to service and excellence throughout his 23-year career. The scholarship is to be awarded to an outstanding undergraduate band member majoring in Music Education at a college or university in Texas. The award is \$4,000 and will be announced at the TBA Business Meeting held during the convention.



It is my honor and pleasure, as Vice President, to chair the selection process that will honor one of the best and brightest of our future band directors. Let me encourage all middle school and high school directors to pass this information along to your former students who are currently enrolled in a Texas college or university and met the following criteria to apply for this award;

- Attended high school in Texas
- Is a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrumentalist who participated in his/her high school band
- Is majoring in Music Education
- Plans to teach in Texas
- Has completed a minimum of 60 hours toward their degree
- Maintains a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Applications for the scholarship can be found online at www.texasbandmasters.org/resources/helm_scholarship.php. There are two options for submitting your application; you can download and complete the application and then email to mooresw@lisdeagles.net or use the Uploader Application on the TBA website. All applications must include the following:

- Three letters of recommendation
- A copy of their current college transcript
- A resume
- A short essay or personal statement that speaks to your intention to apply for the scholarship, educational, musical and extracurricular activities, and other pertinent information to help determine your potential.

All applications must be submitted by the deadline of May 15, 2014.

The Malcolm Helm Memorial Endowed Scholarship is supported by band directors, administrators, TBA Sustaining Members and Band Booster Clubs. All donations are tax deductible and will help to grow the endowment that both honors an icon in the Texas band community and recognizes an outstanding future Texas band director. Contributions can be made by following this link www.texasbandmasters.org/resources/helm_scholarship.php.

Be sure to put July 27-30 on your calendar for the TBA Convention/Clinic. President Richard Herrera, Executive Director Mike Brashear, and the Board of Directors have put together a great line up that you will not want to miss.

Best of luck to you this spring, and I'll see you at the convention this summer!