

KPHS BAND BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Background

The KPHS Band Booster Club Scholarship was established by the KPHS Band Booster Club to recognize high school seniors who are actively enrolled in and contribute to the band program at KPHS. The KPBB will annually provide educational scholarships for graduating KPHS Band seniors, following specific criteria.

Purpose of Scholarships

The KPHS Band Booster Scholarship aims to assist students in pursuing their career goals through higher education. The monetary award is designed to alleviate a portion of the financial challenges associated with pursuing advanced education.

Scholarship Awards

The KPHS Band Booster Scholarship Committee, hereafter referred to as the KPBB Scholarship Committee, will assess each applicant based on established criteria, including band involvement, leadership, volunteer activities, participation in school and community activities, and scholastic merit. The KPBB Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients of the scholarships. The awards will be granted during the first semester of their freshman year (within the same year as graduation), deposited into the recipient's account at the college, university, or trade school of acceptance. The scholarship funds are exclusively designated for use in covering tuition and fees.

Scholarship Committee

The KPBB Scholarship Committee shall consist of members of the board and general membership desiring to serve on said committee, except for those members who are parents or guardians of senior students. The First Vice President shall chair the scholarship committee. If the First Vice President is a parent of a senior applying for a scholarship, the officers will appoint a replacement chairperson. Scholarships shall be awarded on the guidelines set forth by the KPBB Scholarship Committee on the application form each year.

Eligibility Requirements and Criteria

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

- Must be a graduating KPHS senior and a member of the KPHS Band Program
- Participate in the KPHS Band Program for a minimum of 4 years (transfer students must have participated for a minimum of 2 years)
- Minimum GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale
- Parent/Guardian must be a member of the KPBB and have paid their annual dues
- No outstanding fees with the KPHS Band Program
- Acceptance and enrollment into an accredited college, university, or trade school, with attendance to begin during the fall semester of the graduating year
- Completed application and required essay submitted to the Band Office by **Friday, 09 May 2025**

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Application Instructions

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must fulfill the following steps:

- Complete the attached application form
- Provide a resume detailing non-band school activities, community involvement, special recognitions, and any awards received during high school
- Include any work experience gained throughout your school years
- Submit a separate resume highlighting band activities, awards, and involvement during your high school years
- Compose a 500–750 word essay (details below)
- Ensure the application is signed by the applicant, parent/guardian, the applicant's KPark counselor, and the KPark Band Director

KPBB Scholarship Essay

Pick from one of these prompts:

- Describe how your experience in band has shaped your character and influenced your future goals.
- What challenges have you faced as a musician, and how did you overcome them?
- Explain how you have contributed to your band's success beyond just musical performance.
- Share a memorable moment from your time in band and explain why it was meaningful.
- Why do you believe music education matters, and how will you continue to advocate for it in the future?
- What does being part of a band community mean to you?
- In what ways have you grown as both a musician and an individual since joining the band?
- If you could inspire future band students with one message, what would it be and why?

Directions

- **DO NOT include your name anywhere on the essay.**
- Must be between 500 and 750 words.
- Must be typed in MLA format:
 - 14-point title case capitalization for title and centered
 - 12-point Times New Roman
 - 1-inch page margins
 - Double-line spacing
 - ½-inch indent for new paragraphs
- Use the specified objectives to shape your essay, referencing the grading rubric that can be downloaded from the KParkBand.com website.

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Application Checklist

- ☐ Application – Thoroughly read the application and complete all sections.
- ☐ Essay – Refer to the essay directions and rubric for guidance.
- ☐ Recommendations
 - Provide two letters of recommendation from individuals such as teachers, administrators, music teachers, or community leaders.
 - Request one letter emphasizing academic accomplishments and another focusing on musical participation or community involvement/volunteerism.
 - Ensure the recommenders sign the document and hand it to the student in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled with the student's name
- ☐ Transcript – Include your high school transcript
- ☐ Signature – Sign the application
- ☐ Submission
 - Submit the completed application and all required documents in a sealed envelope to the KPHS Band Director
 - **Deadline is Friday, 09 May 2025**

Selection and Notification

To be considered for review by the KPBB Scholarship Committee, all completed applications must be submitted to the Band Director in a sealed envelope by **Friday, 09 May 2025**. Essays will be evaluated by neutral third-party individuals who will follow a rubric. Application submission is a requirement for scholarship consideration, but it does not guarantee receipt of the award. Scholarship recipients will receive written notification and be announced at the end-of-year concert or banquet. For any questions or up-to-date information on scholarship awards, contact the relevant KPBB Scholarship Committee representatives. Decisions are final and binding.

Selected applicants must provide the KPBB Scholarship Committee Chair with a copy of their letter of acceptance and the assigned identification number from their institute of higher learning by **Friday, 30 May 2025**. A check will then be issued payable to the student's institution. Scholarships must be claimed before the conclusion of their first semester; otherwise, the scholarship funds will be considered null and void and returned to the KPBB.

All entries submitted to the KPBB Scholarship Committee become the property of the KPBB and will not be returned. The KPBB Club is dedicated to equal educational opportunities and does not discriminate against applicants based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or handicap. KPBB is committed to taking positive action to ensure equal opportunities for all.

Kingwood Park High School Band Booster Club Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Parent Guardian Name(s): _____

High School GPA (attach your transcript): _____

What institution do you plan to attend? _____

Have you applied to this institution? _____ Have you been accepted? _____
(Attach a copy of acceptance letter if answered "yes")

Probable major or field of study: _____

Potential Career Goal: _____

Applicant's Statement

I agree to the provisions of this application, and I understand that scholarship funds must be returned if I am unable to meet the stipulations set out by the KPHS Band Booster Scholarship Committee. I further signify that the information given on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

KPHS Band Booster First Vice President's Statement

As First Vice President of the Kingwood Park High School Band Booster Club in Humble ISD, I signify that the applicant or applicant's parent/guardian is a member in good standing with the KPBB Club.

Signature of First Vice President

Date

Sign and date this page before you turn in your application. This sheet will be removed from the application packet before the committee's evaluation. The KPBB First Vice President will assign an applicant number to each application, and the committee will evaluate by applicant number only.

IN FAIRNESS TO THOSE APPLICANTS WHO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS, THE KPBB SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL ONLY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS THAT ARE COMPLETE IN EVERY DETAIL. EACH DETAIL IS AWARDED AT LEAST ONE POINT IN THE FINAL SCORING.