



Freese Brothers Big Band

Concord, New Hampshire

FRESE BROTHERS BIG BAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

2026 APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION PERIOD: March 24 - April 24, 2026

APPLICATION DUE DATE: April 27, 2026

(The Committees will not consider late or incomplete Applications).

IN MEMORY OF: All of our deceased members, including: Thurston Carpenter, Roger Fossum, D. Jackson Freese, George E. Freese, William S. Freese, Dorothy M. Harrison, William Knight, Raymond Ladue, Frank Nadeau, Irving H. Soden, Forest Tilton, Thomas Watts, David Wells, David Santos, Richard Maynard, Robert Muzzey, Roger Bergeron, Courtland F.H. Freese, John P. Gunther, Louis W. Brissette

PURPOSE:

To provide scholarship assistance to young musicians who are pursuing instrumental and/or choral studies and performance opportunities for the purpose of developing and enhancing their musical talents and abilities.

WHO MAY APPLY:

Any New Hampshire student entering grades 7-12. Preference will be given to those entering grades 7-11.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

1. The selection of award recipients shall be based on a combination of merit and financial need.
2. Merit shall be determined using the following factors:

Demonstrated musical ability. A student need not be at the top of his/her class, but must have demonstrated a capacity to enhance his/her musical skills.

Personal Commitment. A student's musical experiences and goals indicate a desire to learn and grow.

Recommendations. Recommendations clearly identify a student as a worthy recipient.

Purpose. The proposed purpose of the award will enhance the student's musical education or skills. Note: Scholarships are not available for lessons.

Other. Unusual circumstances such as family, financial or personal issues or situations that may make an applicant more worthy of consideration.

3. Financial need shall be assessed by taking into account current family income, family size, major family debts or expenses, annual family music education expenses, and any other relevant circumstances or information.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES:

The Band Scholarship Committee consists of at least three (3) Members of the Freese Brothers Big Band (the "Band") including the President of the Band and such other Members as shall annually be appointed by the Band's Board of Directors. The Band Scholarship Committee annually solicits applications for the Band's two (2) scholarship programs.

- A. With respect to the scholarship funds administered by the Band, the Band Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and makes recommendations for scholarship awards to the Band's Board of Directors which approves all awards.
- B. With respect to the scholarship funds that are administered by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the applications are reviewed and approved by a special New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Scholarship Committee consisting of at least three (3) persons appointed by the NHCF, one of whom shall be the chair of the Band Scholarship Committee, and one of whom shall be a lineal descendant of George, Courtland, William, or D. Jackson Freese, and one of whom shall be a member of the general public. The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Scholarship Committee makes recommendations to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation which awards the scholarships from funds donated by the Band to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

No member of the Band Scholarship Committee or the NHCF Scholarship Committee is eligible to apply for assistance from the Scholarship Programs. Members of the immediate families of any of the Scholarship Committee or the NHCF Scholarship Committee members shall be eligible to apply for scholarships so long as the related family member does not serve on the respective Committee during the year in which the application is considered. A majority of the members of the NHCF Scholarship Committee shall be persons who are not members, officers, or directors of the Freese Brothers Big Band or donors to the Freese Brothers Big Band Memorial Scholarship Fund.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE:

All applicants for scholarships must apply on the forms that are provided by the Committee.

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All applications shall be submitted no later than Monday, April 27, 2026.

The Committees will not consider any late or incomplete applications.

SIZE AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

The number and size of scholarship awards made each year:

- A. From the band-administered funds shall be determined by the Band Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors of the Band, and
- B. from NHCF-administered funds shall be determined by the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Scholarship Committee.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

See your Band, Chorus, Orchestra, or Music Director, or call Jill Carson at (603) 568-7148.

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STUDENT'S NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE: _____

PARENTS' OR GUARDIAN'S NAMES _____

ADDRESS(ES) _____

TELEPHONE(S) _____

STUDENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Annual family gross income: <\$25,000 \$ 25,000 - \$ 50,000 \$ 50,000 - \$75,000
(circle one) \$75,000 - \$100,000 \$100,000 - \$150,000 \$150,000 >

Please list the number of dependents:

Please explain any unusual or financial family expense that would help the committee evaluate your request:

Please estimate your family's annual music education costs - summer programs, etc.

For what purpose will you use this Scholarship (Name of music camp or program, etc.)?
(Scholarships are not available for lessons.)

Cost of your proposed program \$ _____

Dates/Time Period of Program for which aid is needed _____

Amount of aid that you are requesting \$ _____

Please attach the following:

- (a) Letters of recommendation from a minimum of two people, including one of your school music educators.
- (b) A description of your musical studies, activities, awards, and honors to date.
- (c) A personal statement describing why you are pursuing your proposed course of study, and the use to which you hope to put your experiences and new knowledge after you complete the program/studies.

Date: _____ Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Parent: _____

Submissions:

- Blank applications can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.freesebrothersbigband.com/fund/>
- Apply VIA EMAIL:
Applications may be submitted electronically in pdf format VIA EMAIL to: freesebrosbigband@gmail.com.
Please use "SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION" for the email's subject line.
- Apply VIA US MAIL:
Mail completed applications postmarked by Monday April 27, 2026 to:
The Freese Brothers Big Band
% Ms. Jill Carson, President
7036 Church Street
Loudon, NH 03307

PLEASE NOTE:

In order to comply with IRS regulations, award recipients will be required to provide their Social Security Numbers prior to disbursement of funds.