



NCMEA Bill McCloud Merit Scholarship Description, Criteria and Application Form

Description of the Award

- The scholarship is a one-time award of a minimum of \$1000 and maximum of \$2000, dependent upon availability of funds.
- The scholarship is awarded to a collegiate member of NCMEA who is a resident of North Carolina and who has successfully completed 3 years in a music education degree program in North Carolina, with a GPA of 3.0.
- The award is paid in a lump sum directly to the recipient and the North Carolina college or university he/she is attending. A check will be sent to the college/university at the beginning of the recipient's fourth year of undergraduate study.

Criteria

- Qualifications
 - North Carolina resident
 - Music Education major in a North Carolina college or university
 - Member of a Collegiate NCMEA/MENC Chapter
 - Actively involved in CMENC
 - Must have successfully completed 2 ½ years in a music education degree program at a North Carolina college or university
 - GPA of 3.0
 - Participation in music activities during college
 - Extra-curricular and community activities during college
 - Musical talent
 - Leadership
 - Disposition to teach music
 - Character
- Nominations will be made by the nominee's music education faculty member. The nominating faculty member must be a member of NCMEA.

- The NCMEA Bill McCloud Merit Scholarship Portfolio shall consist of the following:
 - Complete application form to include nomination letter, collegiate academic transcript, music activities, extra-curricular and community activities, three references, an audio recording of musical performance and an essay.
 - Nomination letter provided by collegiate music education faculty member. The nomination letter should reflect the applicant's musical talent, leadership, disposition to teach music, and character.
 - Three References: Provide each reference in a separate, sealed envelope with signature across the seal. References should reflect the applicant's musical talent, leadership, disposition to teach music, and character.
 - Academic standing documented with an official transcript from the college/university registrar, validating the applicant's successful completion of 2 ½ years in a music education degree program with a minimum 3.0 GPA.
 - Recording of applicant's performance of no more than three selections of varying styles. Recording may be on cassette or compact disc. Please include your name on the label.
 - Essay responding to the following question: "Who, or what series of events, influenced your decision to become a music educator and how you will share that influence with students and colleagues during your professional career?"

- **Application Form and portfolios are to be completed and returned to the NCMEA Bill McCloud Merit Scholarship with a postmark dated on or before March 15.**

Procedures

- Scholarship Application Forms are sent by the Executive Director to the administrator at all North Carolina college and university music departments in early January. Additional applications may be obtained from the Executive Director or from the NCMEA webpage (www.ncmea.net).
- Selection Committee shall consist of a Chair and three NCMEA members who teach at the college/university level, all appointed by the President. The committee will review all the applications prior to the Spring NCMEA Board meeting. The committee will recommend their choice of a nominee to the Board at the Spring meeting. The NCMEA Board has final disposition in the approval of the nominee presented by the Scholarship Committee.
- All applicants will be informed of their status by the Scholarship Chair.
- The scholarship will be announced at the recipient's college or university awards ceremony by a representative of NCMEA.
- The recipient will be invited by the Scholarship Chair to be a special guest of the NCMEA In-Service Conference for a formal presentation of the award. The NCMEA Bill McCloud Merit Scholarship Chair will make the presentation.
- The award will be paid in a lump sum directly to the recipient and the North Carolina college or university he/she is attending. A check will be sent to the college/university at the beginning of the recipient's fourth year of undergraduate study.

The Application Form follows on pages 3-4.



NCMEA Bill McCloud Merit Scholarship Application

Name _____
Last First Middle

School Address _____
Street City Zip

Home Address _____
Street City Zip

Phone Numbers _____
Home Cell Other

Email Address _____

North Carolina College/University you attend: _____

Collegiate Membership Number _____ North Carolina CMENC Chapter Number _____

Parent/ Guardian Information:

Father Living ___ Deceased ___

Mother Living ___ Deceased ___

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Email Address _____

Email Address _____

Academic Standing

Provide an official transcript from the college /university registrar validating your successful completion of 2 ½ years in a music education degree program with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Respond to the following using additional pages as needed.

Describe your Collegiate MENC involvement.

Describe your collegiate musical activities.

Describe your college extra-curricular and community activities.

Essay

Topic: "Who, or what series of events, influenced your decision to become a music educator and how will you share that influence with students and colleagues during your professional career?"

