



LOS ANGELES SECONDARY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 34666 Los Angeles, CA 90034-9998

TO: LAUSD HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHERS

SUBJECT: **THE STEWART RUPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A GRADUATING SENIOR WHO IS PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN MUSIC.

APPLICATION & ESSAY DUE: **Friday April 11th, 2025**

The Los Angeles Secondary Music Teachers Association (L.A.S.M.T.A.) is offering one \$500 scholarship to a graduating 12th grade music student who shows exceptional promise and achievement in the field of music and will be majoring in Music in college. The \$500 scholarship is being given in honor of former LASMTA member and distinguished music teacher Stewart Rupp.

Stewart Rupp (1940-2013) was the instrumental music teacher at Paul Revere M.S. for 35 years before retiring in 2003. He was also a professional trumpet player and active member of LASMTA. After his retirement, Stew spent much of his time giving back to the community by mentoring music teachers in LAUSD and volunteering as a docent for the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. His love for the city of Los Angeles and its architecture led him to give walking tours of downtown architecture for the Los Angeles Conservancy.

POLICIES & APPLICATION INFORMATION

- A. The high school music teacher must be a member of LASMTA to sponsor an applicant.
Members may nominate only one student.
- B. The high school music teacher should consider students that demonstrate leadership, reliability, commitment to their ensembles and at least two years of experience within a music ensemble when they choose a student to recommend.
- C. The applicant must complete an application and write an essay of 500 words or less describing why they want to be a music major.
- D. The student will give the completed application and essay to their high school music teacher to email along with the confidential information form completed by the nominating teacher by a timestamped **no later than Friday, April 11, 2025.**
- E. **Forms should be submitted via email. Forms must be timestamped no later than Friday, April 11, 2025 and should be emailed to Julie West at jawest99@gmail.com**
- F. The scholarship funds will be awarded to the winner after they verify to LASMTA official enrollment in a college music program. The funds, given directly to the student, are designated for tuition, books, music, or music materials.
- G. Awarding of the scholarship will be at the discretion of the scholarship review panel and their decision will be final.



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Stewart Rupp Memorial Music Scholarship

APPLICATION

Name _____ School _____

Student's Address _____

Student's Email _____ Phone Number _____

Music Teacher _____ Teacher's email _____

What college are you planning to attend next year? _____

Have you been accepted to attend? _____ If not yet, to which colleges have you applied?

What is your major instrument or voice type? _____

How long have you been studying your voice/instrument? _____

How long do you intend to study your voice/instrument? _____

Have you taken private music lessons? For how long? _____

What school ensembles have you participated in? _____

List all musical ensembles you are a member of outside of school _____

What instruments do you know how to play and how well (beg/int/adv) _____

Have you had any conducting experience? Explain. _____

What leadership opportunities have you experienced? (Run ensembles/rehearsals?) _____

What are your professional goals that you would like to explore? (Study more instruments, take private lessons...) _____



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ESSAY: In 500 words or less, explain why you want to pursue music as a profession. Describe your personal strengths that make you a good musician. Why is this your passion? What experiences/people have led you to choose this career? Describe a mentor and their traits or characteristics that you aspire to emulate. Please attach your response to this application.

**Stewart Rupp Memorial Music Scholarship
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM**

To be completed by High School Music Teacher

This information should not be seen by the student and will be regarded as strictly confidential. However, his/her application will not be complete without it.

The information on this page will have a bearing on the scholarship winner. The high school music teacher is asked to furnish an accurate statement about the applicant.

Applicant's Name _____ School _____

Instrument or voice type _____

School music organizations student is a member of: _____

Why are you recommending this student for the scholarship? (Musical achievement, attitude, effort, dedication, leadership, participation in music) _____

Teacher's Name _____ Signature _____

Please email this form along with the student's application and essay to Julie West at: jawest99@gmail.com