

THE MILLS/BOGART BROTHERS SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The Mills Brothers began their career in 1925 as “Four Boys and a Guitar.” Their parents, John H. and Ethel M. Mills moved to Piqua in 1908-09. The “Four Boys” got their professional start with the local Greenamyre Orchestra. Their first record was cut in 1927 and during the next fifty years, the group cut over 1,246 records. The Mills Brothers’ biggest hits included “Tiger Rag,” “Glow Worm” and “Bye Bye Blackbird.”

Similarly, the Bogart Brothers began their careers locally with their starring roles on the Lehman Catholic High School stage. They are the sons of Kathy and Bob Bogart of Houston, Ohio. Matt, Daniel and Dominic received the Mills Brothers Scholarship and have pursued careers in professional music performing in various roles on stage around the country. Kevin chose not to pursue a career in the arts. He plays guitar as a hobby and for various musical productions.

- This scholarship(s) is intended to be presented to a resident of the City of Piqua who is currently a high school senior or currently attending an accredited college, music school or other post-high school institution. The student is required to have resided in the 45356-zip code upon high school graduation. Also, the student must show that he or she will be or is pursuing music, music education or the performing arts field of study.
- The scholarship(s) may be renewed, but not more than four times. The committee intends to grant a scholarship(s) each year; however, if the committee determines there are no qualified candidates, the scholarship(s) will not be granted.
- Students shall complete the application form provided by the Scholarship Committee.
- A Selection Committee appointed by the Chairperson of the Mills/Bogart Brothers Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipient. The Selection Committee will review all the scholarship student’s qualifications, applications, academic transcripts and essays. The Selection Committee will also conduct an oral interview. The Selection Committee reserves the right to limit the number of oral interviews.
- The Selection Committee shall have the authority to select an area student from Lehman, Piqua, or other local high schools, as long as he or she is currently or was upon graduation living within the 45356-zip code and who shall meet the following requirements:
 - Course of Study – To assist students who are pursuing courses in music, music education, or the performing arts must demonstrate an interest and involvement in music, music education or the performing arts.
 - Academic Achievement/Extracurricular – To qualify, a student must have achieved as least a “B” average or equivalent. The student must show evidence of academic achievement in all course work, and excellence and involvement in extracurricular activities with the emphasis on musical and performing arts activities. Applicants must submit a copy of applicable grade reports and a resumé with the application.
 - Essay – All students will submit a one-page typewritten, single-spaced essay clearly stating their future plans in college or school and what part music or the performing arts will have in their future. The student should explain why he or she should be selected for this scholarship.
 - Need – Cost of the educational program selected by the student and his or her ability to pay may be considered but will be the last consideration by the committee in making selection of the scholarship.

The scholarship will be made jointly to the student and his or her school of choice and given to the student. After jointly endorsing the check, the student should make sure the funds are credited to his or her appropriate school tuition account.

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- Please answer every question fully. Attach supplemental sheets wherever the space is insufficient.
- Please include copies of your academic record.
- Applications must include a completed essay and a resumé of experience in music-related fields.
- Finalists will be required to submit to a personal interview.
- Proof of continued enrollment and academic and extracurricular involvement will be required.
- The primary criteria for award of this scholarship is the student's continued pursuit of music, music education or the performing arts. Secondary considerations are academic and extracurricular excellence. Financial need is the last consideration given in the selection process.
- Each applicant should submit at least two (2) references with supporting letters addressing the applicant's unique qualities, special talents, or exceptional abilities in the fields of music, the performing arts, or musical performance.
- See attached criteria.

Applications and Letters of Recommendation must be received by the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce, 326 N. Main St., P.O. Box 1142, Piqua, Ohio 45356 by 5:00pm on March 28, 2024.

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant's Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address (Street, City, State, Zip) Telephone Number

Mills/Bogart Brothers Scholarship Committee
326 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 1142
Piqua, OH 45356

Application Deadline: 5:00pm on March 28, 2024

To the Student:

You have the right to see the contents of this Letter of Recommendation after it is filed. If you wish, you may waive, or give us, this right. Please indicate below whether you wish to have access to this Letter of Recommendation. If you indicate that you do not, you are agreeing to waive your legal right of access to this document.

I, the Applicant, DO or DO NOT (circle one) wish to have access to this letter of Recommendation after it is filed.

Applicant's Signature Date

To the Recommendation Writer:

The person named above is making application to the Mills/Bogart Brothers Scholarship. The primary criteria for award of this scholarship is the student's continued pursuit of music or performing arts in college or post-high school, either as a career or a vocation. Secondary considerations are academic and extracurricular excellence. Financial need is the last consideration given in the selection process.

The Selection Committee is looking for comments that will help distinguish this student from others in the competition – unique qualities, special talents, or exceptional ability. Specific examples of the student's strengths are more helpful than broad statements. Because the committee already will have the student's academic records, you need not include specific academic information with this form.

Please write a personal letter and attach it to this form. Thank you for your input.

Name Relationship to Student

Address and Telephone Number

Signature Date

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APPLICATION

Full Name

Home Address (In 45356 Zip Code)

Home Telephone

School Telephone

Proposed Major Field of Study

College

Scholarship Honors (Briefly describe the qualifications for each):

Briefly describe musical/performance honors and activities (scholastic and extracurricular):

List your interests/hobbies:

What is the estimated annual cost of college:

Tuition _____

Books and Supplies _____

Other (including transportation) _____

How much do your parents feel they can contribute towards your college education? _____

How much have you saved for college? _____

How much money will you receive while at college through employment? _____

How much money will you receive while at college through grants and aid? _____

THIS FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Attach a one page, single-spaced, type-written essay that clearly states your future plans in college and what part music or the performing arts will have in your future. Explain why you should be selected for this scholarship.

Also attach a resumé of experience in music or performing arts related fields.

Applicant's Signature

Date