

# Los Angeles Secondary Music Teachers Association

TO: High School Music Teachers

SUBJECT: **The Stewart Rupp Memorial Music Scholarship**  
**\$500**

PURPOSE: To provide a scholarship for a graduating senior who is preparing for a career in Music.

## APPLICATION & ESSAY DUE: Mon. April 3rd, 2017

The Los Angeles Secondary Music Teachers Association (L.A.S.M.T.A.) is offering one \$500 scholarship to a graduating 12<sup>th</sup> 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 L.A.S.M.T.A. in order 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 mail along with the confidential information form completed by the nominating teacher by a postmarked date of Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.**

E. 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.

F. Awarding of the scholarship will be at the discretion of the scholarship review panel and their decision will be final.

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**APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's email \_\_\_\_\_

Student'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...) \_\_\_\_\_

**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.)

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**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM**

*To be completed by LAUSD 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send this form along with the student's application and essay to:*  
**L.A.S.M.T.A. Music Scholarship**  
**P.O. Box 34666**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90034-9998**

Due Date: Postmarked by **Mon. April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**