

The John Philip Sousa Foundation
presents
the

**Dr. Robert Hawkins Memorial
Scholarship 2026-2027**

**Endowed by
Betty Jo and Kathy Schmidt
Administered by the
John Philip Sousa Foundation**

APPLICATION FORM

**Eligibility: working toward a degree in instrumental (BAND) music education
and attending a college/university in the United States**

**Deadline: To be received no earlier than September 6, 2025 and or Postmarked by
November 22, 2025**

**For New Scholarship or Scholarship renewal (renewal application does not guarantee
award)**

Available: One \$1,000 scholarship

Evaluation by Committee and Executive Board

Selection notification for finalist by e-mail: January 17, 2026

Winner will be posted on the Web site: <http://www.sousafoundation.net>

**This application MUST accompany all documentation. No documents will be accepted by
electronic submission. Recommendations must accompany this application.**

Name _____ Age _____

Expected University or High School Graduation Date _____ Birth Date _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

University or High School _____

Year in School _____ GPA _____

City, State of Institution _____

Major Instrument _____

Years of study _____

Postsecondary institution(s) applied and/or admitted to: _____

List highlights of accomplishments of your high school/college career in band (attach additional
sheet if needed):

Musical organizations in which you have participated in the past two years:

Organization _____ Chair _____ Part _____

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List awards and honors received during the past two years:

Educational Financial Status: Self Supporting _____ % Parents _____ % Other _____ %
Be specific and include all income for school (specify loans, scholarships, grants, etc.)

What are two character traits that every band director should possess? _____

Do you plan on becoming a band director? _____

Essay Statement

Attach a typed statement of 350 words or less and include the following information:

1. Your future goals and how you plan to achieve these goals
2. Significant people and/or events that have influenced you
3. Your basic philosophy on why you wish to become a band director

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Checklist:

- All materials **MUST** be included with this application. Failure to meet these qualifications will eliminate the application. No electronic submissions.
- Current Application form plus any additional sheets
- Essay Statement
- Three letters of recommendation – may not be submitted through electronic submission
- Current Transcript – unofficial is acceptable (If you are a first year freshman in college, then you must submit high school transcript)
- Photo (for publicity purposes only, but **MUST** be included)
- Sign and date the application
- Use Ink or typed for the application
- Please do not send materials which need to be returned.

Mail To:
Hawkins Scholarship Chair
PO Box 102
Templeton, MA 01468

Questions??? E-mail: Thomas Reynolds: treynold@worldpath.net Phone: 617-529-9402

Thank you for your interest!

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