

The John Philip Sousa Foundation  
presents  
the

**Dr. Robert Hawkins Memorial  
Scholarship 2027-2028**

**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 8, 2026 and or Postmarked by  
November 23, 2026**

**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 18, 2027**

**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):

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

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Part \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Part \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Part \_\_\_\_\_

# The John Philip Sousa Foundation Scholarship Award

List awards and honors received during the past two years:

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

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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!

*This form and supportive materials must be postmarked between September 8, 2026 and November 23, 2026.*