

Indiana Bandmasters Association



To be given to a graduating senior member of the 2026 All-State Bands.

The Indiana Bandmasters Association has established a \$1000 scholarship to be given during the All-State Band Weekend to a graduating senior member of one of the bands. To be eligible the student must be a member in good standing of his/her High School Band and a member of the 2026 All-State Band or 2026 All-State Honor Band. The student should be planning a career in music and be planning to start a degree program as a music major in the fall of 2026. Completed applications will only be accepted at the onsite registration 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Friday, March 13, 2026. Place all related materials in an envelope to submit.

Accompanying this application should be an Official Transcript, the Student Essay described within and three letters of recommendation. One recommendation must be from the student's current band director, a second from another music teacher familiar with the student and one from a person not directly connected to music. An application incomplete in any way will be rejected.

Student Name

School Name

Ray Cramer Scholarship Official Application

Part I – Student Information

Student Name _____

School Name _____

Student Address _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

School Phone _____

e-mail _____

of years of music study _____

Instrument(s) _____

Band Director's Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Father Name _____

Father Occupation _____

Mother Name _____

Mother Occupation _____

Part II – Academics

Academic Records				
ACT (Composite)	SAT (Combined)	Rank (in Class)	GPA (Cumulative)	Honor Society

Part III- Special Awards and Honors

(i.e. All-State Band, Choir, Orchestra, IMEA Honor Band, ISSMA Awards, School Awards, Community Awards, Other Achievements and Recognitions.)

Music Accomplishments

School and Community Activities (list offices where applicable)

Work Experience

Part IV – References

[Band Director, + One Music Teacher, + One Other Non-Music (total of 3). Letters of Recommendation must be included with the application.]

#1 Band Director Name _____

email _____

#2 Music Teacher Name _____

email _____

#3 Non-Music Reference Name _____

email _____

Part V – Post High School Data

- College or University you plan to attend. _____
- Have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____
- Other schools to which you have applied _____
- Major Field of music study _____
- Future vocational objective _____

Part VI – Music Participation

(IBA, IJEA, IMEA and ISSMA events in which you have participated)

9th Grade _____

10th Grade _____

11th Grade _____

12th Grade _____

Part VII – ESSAY (Essay should be typed, double-spaced and signed by the applicant.)

- Why Music is important in your life?
- Who has been an influential person in your life and how/why did this person affect your life?
- Why are you deserving of this scholarship?