

## OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL APPLAUSE! Scholarship Application

APPLAUSE! is a parent-volunteer organization that supports the OPRFHS performing arts program in several ways. APPLAUSE! facilitates communication about performing arts, conducts student fundraisers where students can earn money for their OPRFHS performing arts account (used by the student for performing arts education related expenses while in high school) and sponsors and/or subsidizes performing arts teacher special program requests. APPLAUSE! also provides financial assistance for program participation fees via scholarships as per the APPLAUSE! Scholarship Policy (attached). The number and amount of financial need scholarships awarded are based on student’s financial need and APPLAUSE! available funds. To be considered for an APPLAUSE! scholarship, please complete the following:

1. Demonstrated need as per Eligibility Requirements specified in the APPLAUSE! Scholarship Policy.
2. Contact information and financial need request below. An APPLAUSE! officer will contact you to complete the financial agreement section.
3. Return the form to one of the performing arts teachers.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation year: \_\_\_\_\_

Ensemble(s) for the upcoming school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian 1:

Parent/guardian 2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship request: check as many as apply.

Performing Arts Expense		Total Amount Due	Amount waived by OPRF	Amount paid by student’s family	Amount fundraised by student	APPLAUSE! scholarship amount
Marching band camp						
Marching band shoes						
Tuxedo rental						
Instrument rental						
Pay to Play						
Other –indicate below:						

Approval by APPLUSE! Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approval by P-Arts Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Agreement of Terms \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## APPLAUSE! Scholarship Policy

### Policy for REQUIRED OPRFHS performing arts program fees

In order to encourage equal access to performing arts education opportunities at OPRFHS regardless of ability to pay, APPLAUSE! may provide scholarships to defray the cost of required performing arts program fees not waived by the school. This could include, but is not limited to: marching band camp, marching band "pay to play" fee, tuxedo rental or instrument rental fees.

#### *Eligibility*

- Scholarship recipients must:
  - 1) have applied for, and be provided, free or reduced lunch at OPRF (application provided by OPRFHS in the summer packet); or
  - 2) have an extraordinary family circumstance at the time of application. Preference will be given to students with financial need.

#### *Guidelines*

- Any student enrolled in performing arts curricular class at OPRFHS is eligible to apply.
- The amount of the scholarship will be at APPLAUSE! discretion, and is dependent on available funds.
- The student will be responsible for a portion (not to exceed 50% of the total fee), of the fee to be determined at the time of the scholarship award. The fee may be paid by cash, through APPLAUSE! sponsored fundraisers, via a work-study option approved by APPLAUSE! and one of the performing arts teachers (when available), or a combination of the above.
- Scholarship application forms will be available on the APPLAUSE! website, from any OPRFHS performing arts teacher or from an APPLAUSE! officer.

### Policy for OPTIONAL, extracurricular OPRFHS-sponsored performing arts education opportunities

In order to encourage participation in optional OPRF performing arts program-sponsored music, theatre or dance education opportunities, such as concert tours and theatre festivals, APPLAUSE! may provide limited scholarships for performing arts students with financial need.

#### *Eligibility*

- Scholarship recipients must:
  - 1) have applied for, and be provided, free or reduced lunch at OPRF (application provided by OPRF in the summer packet); or
  - 2) have an extraordinary family circumstance at the time of application. Preference will be given to students with financial need.

#### *Guidelines*

- All performing arts students at OPRFHS are eligible.
- The amount of the scholarship will be at APPLAUSE! discretion, and is dependent on available funds.
- APPLAUSE! will be available to assist the family in developing a plan to fund the expense, if requested. The plan may include: family contribution, APPLAUSE! scholarship, student fundraising through APPLAUSE! sponsored fundraisers and/or a work-study option approved by APPLAUSE! and one of the performing arts teachers (when available).
- Scholarship application forms will be available on the APPLAUSE! website, from any OPRFHS performing arts teacher or from an APPLAUSE! officer.