

The Jeff Durham Memorial Scholarship Application 2026

The Lakota East Upbeat Club awards two \$1000 Jeff Durham Memorial Scholarships to two qualifying seniors at the Lakota East High School Band Awards Night. The Jeff Durham Scholarship Selection Committee will review applications and select scholarship recipients.

The Jeff Durham Memorial Scholarship application established criteria:

- Graduating senior
- Senior intends to continue education
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Excels in instrumental music
- Member of Symphonic Band/Symphonic Winds, plus at least one other band (e.g., Jazz Band, Marching Band, Honor Band, etc.)
- Demonstrates leadership qualities
- Intends to pursue a band-related activity, whether in a college band program and/or in a community band program
- Submit completed application by April 1st, 2026 in one of the following ways:
 - Email to the Lakota East Upbeat Club: president@lakotaeastbands.org **OR**
 - Mail (must be received by the deadline) to:

Lakota East Upbeat Club
Jeff Durham Memorial Scholarship
PO Box 1686
West Chester, OH 45071-1686

The Lakota East Upbeat Club Treasurer will send the scholarship award directly to the college or university each recipient will be enrolled in to continue his/her education. Recipients will be given information about that process once awarded the Jeff Durham Memorial Scholarship.

The Lakota East Upbeat Club, the band booster organization, reserves fundraising and donation monies to finance this scholarship fund. The Lakota East Upbeat Club exists to encourage, support and facilitate Lakota East Bands programs and its band members. To learn more about the Lakota East Upbeat Club and Lakota East Band Programs, or to make a donation to this scholarship fund, please visit lakotaeastbands.org

Jeff Durham was the Lakota East Upbeat Club president at the time of his sudden death in January 2005. For many Upbeat Club members, Jeff Durham exemplified the best qualities of leadership, musicianship and friendship. We are proud to recognize Jeff Durham with this namesake scholarship.



LAKOTA EAST BANDS

TEAMWORK · INTEGRITY · COMPASSION · EXCELLENCE

Name:

University/College (if known):

Cumulative GPA (from last report card):

Ensembles participated in by grade (please check all that apply)	9	10	11	12
Concert Band				
Symphonic Band				
Symphonic Winds				
Marching Band				
Jazz Band				
OMEA District 13 Honor Band				
OMEA District 13 Honor Jazz Band				
OMEA All State Band/Orchestra/Jazz				
OMEA Solo and Ensemble				
Auditioned Large Group Youth Ensembles (<i>e.g. Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra, Cincinnati Youth Winds Ensemble, Cincinnati Youth Jazz Orchestra, Blue Ash Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, etc.</i>)				
Auditioned Honor Ensembles (<i>e.g., Ohio University Honor Band, Tri-State Honor Band, etc.</i>)				
Other community music groups (<i>Please list</i>):				



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***Answer the following questions on a separate document
(Typed responses preferred, but handwritten responses will be accepted)
Attach to above information to submit completed application.***

1. List leadership positions you held in Lakota East Bands.
2. List leadership positions you held in other organizations (e.g., school, community, etc.).
3. What have you gained from participating in Lakota East Band Programs?
4. What are your future plans with regard to participating in music programs?