

PENNSYLVANIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

56 South Third St., Hamburg, PA 19526

1-888-919-7632

William Nash

Continuing Education Scholarship GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

The following guidelines have been established to assist applicants who are seeking funds for music education within an approved graduate program. This application is for one year only.

The William Nash Continuing Education Scholarship provides one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per one school year to a person who has been accepted into an accredited music graduate program. The applicant must meet the following criteria to apply:

- The applicant must be a full time employee of a school in Pennsylvania for at least one year prior to the application.
- The applicant must show evidence of acceptance into a music graduate program.
- The applicant must be a current member of PMEA and must have been a PMEA member in good standing for the one year prior to application.
- The applicant must be a citizen of the United States of America OR have resided in the United States of America for the past five years..
- The applicant must be a new teacher, defined as being their first, second or third year of teaching.

Background:

William L. Nash, III, is a retired music educator who served as coordinator of music, Quakertown Community School District from 1968-1998. He serves on the PMEA Board of Directors as C// Chair for District 11 and received the PMEA Citation of Excellence Award in 1997. Dr. Nash is organist-director of music of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown, PA where he directs the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Orchestra and coordinates the Church's community music series.

Dr. Nash states, "This award is dedicated to my music teachers who were members of PMEA and inspired me to be a music educator (Howard Hallock, Robert Henderson, Dorothy Turner and Dr. Carl Roth). We need to inspire the next generation of music educators to instill the joy of music throughout the world. Beautiful sounds of music are the keys to advocacy."

Application Procedure:

All necessary pages and forms must be typed, completed and returned to the Office of the Executive Director no later than January 15 of any given year. The pages and forms include:

1. **Personal information—see attached**

You may include a one page resume in lieu of the professional experience and education section. (See part III)

2. **Reason(s) for entering graduate program.**

Please describe the immediate and future value of this graduate program will provide for you.

3. **Agreement—sign and return with application**

4. **Three reference letters which include the following topics:**

Copy of reference page to each person writing a letter on your behalf. Letters should be mailed directly to the PMEA Executive Office (address top of page).

- a) Knowledge of subject matter and teaching ability
- b) Relationship with students, peers and administrators
- c) Work ethic and professionalism

The applicant will be informed by April 1 of the same year. Payment will be made directly to the university on behalf of the recipient. If a request has been denied, a person may apply again the following year.

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(Only TYPED or LEGIBLY PRINTED and COMPLETE applications will be accepted. Confine your response to the space provided.)

PART I

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

PART II

Place of Employment _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

PMEA Membership # _____ How long have you been a member? _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

PART III

Professional Experience: (List most recent first. Include job title and dates of employment.)

Education: (List most recent first. Include dates, degrees attained and any specialized areas of training.)

Other Professional Activities: (Professional Associations, Performing Groups, etc.)

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Please describe in some detail (using no more than this page) the immediate and future value this graduate program will provide for you in your development as a teacher.

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AGREEMENT

If I am awarded this scholarship, I agree to:

1. be present to accept recognition for receiving this scholarship during the PMEA banquet, April of the year awarded.
2. have my name published in *PMEA News* and other educational materials.
3. mail a copy of the course transcript to the PMEA Executive Office from the college or university I attended.

Signature _____

Date _____

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Character Reference

(This page needs to be copied three times to complete your character references.)

Name of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Please comment in your **typed letter** about the following information concerning the person listed above:

- a) Knowledge of subject matter and teaching ability
- b) Relationships with students, peers and administrators
- c) Work ethic and professionalism

Letters should be sent directly to the PMEA Executive Office postmarked by January 15.

PMEA Executive Office

56 S. Third St

Hamburg, PA 19526

You may fax it to the following number: 610-562-9760