



### The Phoenix Band and Colorguard Booster Club Inc.

The Phoenix Band and Colorguard Booster Club Inc. was incorporated in 1995. We are a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. The Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters (PHXBAC) are committed to enriching the Phoenix High School Instrumental Ensembles, Marching Band, Winterguard, and Indoor Percussion programs. The board's hope is that the impact of these programs will last for generations to come.

### The Scholarship Program

The scholarship program consists of various scholarships established by donors and The Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters Club. They are designed to assist students who have made significant contributions in one or more of the programs supported by the boosters, in obtaining a college education. A listing of all of our current scholarships can be found in this scholarship packet. There are currently 10 scholarships which are actively administered by the Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters, but not all of them may be offered each school year. Students who meet the eligibility requirements of any of these scholarships as outlined below may apply and, if eligible, may be awarded one or more scholarship(s). The booster organization hopes to continue to provide opportunities for Phoenix students for years to come.

The Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters takes great pride in its efforts to maintain the anonymity of its applicants. Tracking applicants by an assigned application number as opposed to tracking them by student names is a major part of this safeguard. Our committee volunteers their valuable time to review the applications and to ensure that scholarship awards are made as a true reflection of our goal of enriching our students currently residing within the Phoenix Central School District.

The Phoenix Firebird Band & Colorguard Booster Club, Inc. do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, religious or sexual preference in the administration of its scholarship program or any other school sanctioned programs.

Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters Club, Inc.

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## Scholarships Available for 2023-2024

\*Please note: The PHXBAC Boosters hopes to award scholarship amounts as in previous years, however, final award amounts may vary.

### Scholarship Description Summaries

#### Phoenix Band and Colorguard Booster Club Scholarship - \$500

Presented to seniors who have made outstanding contributions in one or more of the programs supported by the Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters. Up to two (2) may be awarded. This scholarship was established in 1993 when the boosters club was created. The recipients of these awards will not necessarily be the most outstanding students, but will be anyone who has participated extensively and contributed widely to the programs supported by the Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters during their high school career. For example, floor crew, prop crew, flag making, prop assembly, extra time before and after practice mentoring other members, assembling programs, etc.

#### Phoenix Firebird Colorguard/Winterguard Scholarship - \$500

An Award to a senior who has made significant contributions to the Colorguard or Winterguard program here in Phoenix. This scholarship was created in 2000. This will not be based on talent and/or achievement but on the extent of participation by the student and their contributions to the guard program.

#### Alumni Band Scholarship

Alumni Band was created back in 1989 upon its inception the group had enjoyed playing together and appearing in parades. Through the years they have supported the Instrumental Music Program at PCSD in varied ways. To be considered for this Scholarship you must be a senior that will be graduating in June of this school year. Alumni Band Scholarship will be presented to seniors who have made contributions in one or more of the programs supported by the Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters.

#### Smokey Kizer Marching Band Scholarship - \$500

This award has been given to a senior who has contributed outstanding service to the marching band (including colorguard) since 1995. This scholarship is awarded in memory of Smokey Kizer, who, until his death in July 1994, was one of our most enthusiastic and helpful booster club members. Smokey's booming cheerfulness and willing hands will long be remembered and missed. The recipients of these awards will not necessarily be the most outstanding students, but will be those who have consistently volunteered. The student who has contributed outstanding service to the programs supported by the Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters during their high school career.

### **Michelle Paczos Memorial Scholarship - \$500**

This award is presented to honor the memory of Michelle Paczos, a band member from the Class of 2002, who Departed this world in 2001. Michelle always enjoyed musical performances and was dedicated to musical excellence. No matter how difficult the task, she met it with a smile. Although she was soft spoken, Michelle was very friendly to everyone. Michelle liked to be involved in a wide variety of activities and organizations. She always brought smiles to the people around her and made activities fun for her fellow students using her personality and sense of humor. Preference will be given to a current saxophone player.

### **Gregory Woodruff Memorial Scholarship - \$500**

The Gregory Woodruff Memorial Scholarship was created in 2019 to honor longtime Phoenix Central School District role models in the Instrumental Music Program. This will be presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and honors in instrumental music. The candidate should demonstrate great appreciation for music making and be held in high esteem by their peers and educators. The candidate should be noted for their commitment to excellence, and loyalty to the Phoenix music program. While not necessarily looking to seek a formal music education after high school, the candidate should have a strong propensity to continue performing in the future.

### **Elaina Renfrew Memorial Scholarship - \$500**

Established in 2021 this Scholarship is in honor of Elaina Renfrew, and her ongoing devotion to music and students. Elaina was a very talented Phoenix alumnus. In school, she was in concert band, pit band, jazz band and chorus. She was a six-year marching band member and two-time marching band drum major, and participated in All County Band and All State Band. She was also a member of multiple school organizations and clubs for example National Honor Society as well as many others. She continued on with these musical talents in college at SUNY Fredonia. After college, she taught music in multiple CNY schools and was even an administrator for a few years before returning to teaching. While her kids attended Phoenix she was an active volunteer, and mentor. She was a member of the Phoenix colorguard and band boosters and most recently Vice President. She believed wholeheartedly that you give yourself to anyone in need to help lift them past hurdles. This Scholarship will be presented to a student in whom Elaina's light can be seen through their actions. In addition to having a minimum of two years involvement in any band programs at the high school level (such as concert band, marching band, guard, or drumline, or jazz ensemble) the student will be chosen based on a criterion of excellence in areas including: commitment, heart, and service to others. The student does not need to be seeking a college degree specifically in music, but they have to be passionate in their area of future study.

### **Mark Storrings Service Award - \$500**

This scholarship is presented to honor the service of Mark Storrings has been done since 2009. Mark is an avid supporter to all things musical in the Phoenix Central School District. Since his graduation from John C. Birdlebough High School, he has continued to dedicate his time and talent to the music department and the Phoenix community. He was the first recipient of the John Philip Sousa Award (an award presented to the top musician of each class since), and he continues to keep music in his life as his passion. Mark continues to impact the many programs here within the Phoenix music department as he serves as the Drill Tech for the Field Band, volunteers his services at all home shows and can be found in the pit orchestra for the musical every year. Mark is supportive, positive, and values his family and friends above all else.

### **Michelle Huntley Rudy Service Award - \$500**

This scholarship is presented to honor the dedicated service of Michelle (Huntley) Rudy. Michelle has been a member of the Marching Band staff since the fall of 1981. For many years she was a woodwind instructor and a drill instructor. In recent years she has carried the title of Assistant to the Director. In 1989 she was asked by Mr. Woodruff to help create the Phoenix Alumni Band. Since that time, she has directed the program and she donated over thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating band and colorguard members. In 1993 she was asked to create and direct the first Junior cadet winterguard feeder program for Phoenix. Whether volunteering, teaching or just being at events to help make sure “everything is just right and taken care of,” Michelle shows the greatest amount of pride and passion to all of the Phoenix Firebird ensembles. She is always there when needed. This scholarship has been awarded since 2010; it is awarded to a student that demonstrates similar qualities and shows ambition to keep and generate successful programs in the future.

### **Michael Hyla Scholarship - \$500**

This scholarship is presented to honor the memory of Michael Hyla, a band member from the Class of 2003, who was killed in a tragic accident in 2006. During his high school years, Michael was a wonderful musician who loved playing his French Horn Mellophone. The student receiving this honor will exemplify many of the qualities that made Michael special: playing with a passion, ability to have fun and make life fun for others; a genuine, caring friend. Michael’s strong work ethic along with a positive attitude helped bring many successes to the Firebird music program.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GENERAL INFORMATION

All applications must be completed and submitted via email: [Scholarships@PHXBACBoosters.org](mailto:Scholarships@PHXBACBoosters.org) or USMAIL: Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters Inc., PO Box 143, Phoenix, NY 13135

Read the requirements and directions for each scholarship listed and make sure you have provided all required materials. All scholarship awards will be made based upon the pool of qualified applicants. Each question on the application has merit, and should be answered with care.

Important dates for the 2023- 2024 school year:

- March of 2024 - Scholarship information packet available online at [phoenixmarchingarts.weebly.com](http://phoenixmarchingarts.weebly.com). If you would like a copy mailed to you please email: [Scholarships@PHXBACBoosters.org](mailto:Scholarships@PHXBACBoosters.org)
- May 1, 2024 deadline for ALL Scholarships applications. All applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline. **Any submitted past the deadline will not be considered.**

Scholarship presentations and award announcements for all scholarships will be made during the spring JCB High School Band Concert. Applicants will be notified.

Scholarship recipients must complete and return the scholarship disbursement request form and all other required documentation to the Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters by email or USMail. Scholarship grant awards are mailed directly to educational institutions. If the scholarship disbursement request form is not completed and returned by January of the following school year the scholarship is forfeited.

**Applications must be opened and submitted in a PDF format.**

**Steps to Open Properly and Save**

**Download Form**

**Open Downloaded File**

**To save progress download again with changes, rename file**

**When completed email file**

**Applications that are sent using**

**Google docs will be considered incomplete and will not be accepted.**

To be considered for Phoenix Band and Colorguard Booster Scholarships you must meet these criteria:

- Students must have participated in one or more of the programs supported by the Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters during their high school career.
- Must be a current Phoenix Central School District Student
- You must be a senior slated for graduation this June
- Fill out all pages of the current application and submit with proper materials
- Mentors, teachers, parents, friends are available if assistance is needed.
- One Staff Member recommendation. This can be any staff member of the Phoenix Central School District including coaches. Please highlight and copy which scholarship/s you are applying for and email them to your teacher. Please have your teacher email the completed recommendation to [scholarships@phxbacboosters.org](mailto:scholarships@phxbacboosters.org) by the above deadline. Make sure to include your name on any communication you send.

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### AFFIRMATION OF APPLICATION

Participation in the programs affiliated with these awards is a privilege and an honor which reflects on your personal commitment to excellence. Your willingness to abide by the rules and regulations set forth as a code of conduct and to behave as a role model for others is necessary for the continued success of these programs.

By submitting this application, you are certifying that you meet the criteria on the general information page.

**In addition, by signing below you are stating that all the information provided within this application is truthful. Knowingly providing false information within this application WILL result in disqualification of your application.**

Signature:	Date:
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Last Name:		First Name:		
Street address:		City:	State:	Zip:
High School Graduation Year:	Currently attends Phoenix Central Schools (Check one) <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Phone:	Email address:	
Name of Staff Member providing the recommendation:				
Email a copy of your senior photo to <a href="mailto:Scholarships@PHXBACBoosters.org">Scholarships@PHXBACBoosters.org</a>		Senior photo filename:		
Intended College or Institute:		Intended Major:	Intended Entry Date:	
Tell us any information that may be helpful to the selection committee that is not covered in other areas of this application.				

## Participation Checklist

**Please mark any of the following that you have participated in.**

<b><i>Participation</i></b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12th</b>
Symphonic Winds Ensemble				
Marching Field Band				
Jazz Ensemble				
Winterguard				
Drumline/Indoor Percussion				
Musical Pit Orchestra				
Parade Band				
NYSSMA				
NYSBDA (Honor Band)				
<b><i>Leadership</i></b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12th</b>
Drum Major				
Winterguard Captain				
Instrumental First Chair				
Tri M Officer				
Section Leader for Marching Band				
Other				
<b><i>Volunteer Activities</i></b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12th</b>
Musical Desserts worker				
Marching Band home show worker				
Winterguard home show worker				
Indoor percussion home show worker				
VFW Pancake Breakfast				
Holiday Breakfasts				
Spaghetti Dinner				
Mother Son Dance				
Chicken BBQ				

## Scholarship Description Checklist

Essays need to be based on the following information. For background information on each scholarship please refer to the Scholarship Description Summaries.

Check all that you will be applying for. For all Essay's **type** a brief essay (up to 3000 Characters)

	Scholarship Name	To apply complete these materials
○	Phoenix Band & Colorguard Booster Club Scholarship	Essay describing your band and/or colorguard experiences at Phoenix, including the contributions you believe you have made to the program.
○	Phoenix Colorguard/ Winterguard Scholarship	Essay describing your colorguard/winterguard experiences as a member at Phoenix & the contributions you believe you have made to the program. Be sure to mention any additional voluntary activities you have done in the guard programs.
○	Alumni Band Scholarship	Fill out the attached application.
○	Smokey Kizer Marching Band Scholarship	Essay describing the ways you have consistently volunteered and have contributed outstanding service to the programs supported by the Phoenix Band and Colorguard Boosters during your high school career. Be sure to explain how you think you exemplify the qualities of Smokey Kizer as described in the attached information packet.
○	Michelle Paczos Memorial Scholarship	Essay describing how you exemplify the qualities that made Michelle special: a love of musical performance, a cheerful and cooperative attitude, and participation in a variety of activities. Preference will be given to a saxophone player in selection of this award.
○	Gregory Woodruff Memorial Scholarship	<p>Essay describing ways in which you believe you exemplify the below qualities and traits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demonstrated outstanding achievement and honors in instrumental music</li> <li>● Dedicated to musical excellence.</li> <li>● Held in high esteem by peers and educators</li> <li>● Loyal to the music programs of Phoenix</li> <li>● Strong propensity to continue performing in the future</li> </ul>
○	Elaina Renfrew Memorial Scholarship	<p>Essay describing ways in which you believe you exemplify the below qualities and traits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Minimum of two years involvement in any band programs at the high school level</li> <li>● Excellence in areas including: commitment, heart, and service to others</li> <li>● Example of how you have mentored another</li> <li>● Be passionate in their area of future study</li> </ul>
○	Mark Storrings Service Award	<p>Essay describing ways in which you believe you exemplify the below qualities and traits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Should be someone who is a committed musician, but does not have to be choosing music as a career.</li> <li>● Should be someone who volunteers a great deal of their time to the community and the school and goes above and beyond what is expected of them.</li> <li>● Should be someone who is loyal to Phoenix, has a great deal of "Phoenix Pride" and takes that affiliation seriously.</li> <li>● Should be someone who values friends and family, creating a positive and friendly environment around them wherever they are, including a sense of humor.</li> </ul>
○	Michelle (Huntley) Rudy Service Award	<p>Essay describing ways in which you believe you exemplify the qualities below, as related to the Phoenix Firebird Music and/or Guard Programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Should be someone who is a committed band or color guard member</li> <li>● Should be someone who steps up to help others to improve their skills</li> <li>● Should be someone who is loyal to Phoenix, has a great deal of "Phoenix Pride" and takes that affiliation seriously</li> <li>● Should be someone who volunteers a great deal of their time to the community and the school and goes above and beyond what is expected of them.</li> </ul>

○	Michael Hyla Memorial Scholarship	Essay describing ways in which you believe you exemplify the qualities below, as related to the Phoenix Firebird Music and/or Guard Programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dedicated to musical excellence and playing with a passion.</li><li>• Hard working and willing to help out. Volunteering to do whatever is asked.</li><li>• Involvement in a wide variety of musical activities (Band, Marching Band, All State, etc.)</li><li>• Bringing smiles and laughter to the people around you.</li><li>• Mentoring others to do their best, no matter the endeavor.</li></ul>
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**For a complete application to be considered you need to include the following:**

- Scholarship application including signature and date
- Participation checklist
- Scholarship description checklist
- Essays
- Staff Member recommendation

Phoenix Band & Colorguard Booster Club Scholarship Essay

Phoenix Colorguard/ Winterguard Scholarship Essay

Smokey Kizer Marching Band Scholarship Essay

Michelle Paczos Memorial Scholarship Essay

Gregory Woodruff Memorial Scholarship Essay

Elaina Renfrew Memorial Scholarship Essay

Mark Storrings Service Award Essay

Michelle (Huntley) Rudy Service Award Essay

Michael Hyla Memorial Scholarship Essay



4. How and/or why do you feel those benefits will help you in your future?

5. What are your plans after graduation?

6. Please check the following Alumni events you would you be willing to participate in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Concerts      \_\_\_\_\_ Parades      \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraisers for scholarships

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us any information that may be helpful to the selection committee that is not covered in other areas of this application.