



Dear senior band and guard members,

It may have happened the first time you picked up your instrument or made it all the way through your first band piece. It may have been the day you picked up a flag and heard the sound of the wind whistling through the fabric. At that moment, the spirit of music and movement became part of your life. Writing, performing and moving to music has been used by cultures throughout the ages as a means to express feelings, tradition and spirit. During your time here at Starr's Mill High School, you have nourished and nurtured that spirit through many hours of hard work and perseverance. You have shared your talent for the enjoyment of others and now it is time for you to carry that spirit out into the world and into your future.

The Starr's Mill High School Band Spirit Scholarship Committee is looking for two graduating seniors who have exhibited the spirit of teamwork, cheerful cooperation and winning attitude that is a hallmark of the tradition of excellence being built here at Starr's Mill. These two seniors will be awarded a scholarship of \$500 each to be used for any upcoming college expenses. The recipient of the scholarship may not necessarily be the section leader, All State band member or top of their class. They will not be required to continue to study music at college. But they will always carry the spirit of music and band with them throughout their lives. The Band Spirit Scholarship acknowledges and rewards that spirit.

The scholarship is available to every senior in the band program. Application requirements are attached and will include an essay on a topic selected by the scholarship committee. The judging is completely impartial and will include volunteers from both within and outside the band community. We hope you all will take advantage of this opportunity and let us reward you for your years of hard work and commitment to the Starrs Mill High School Band program. Good luck!

*Sincerely,
2008 Band Spirit Scholarship Committee*

