



**MARY LEE FITZ
WARREN CONCERT BAND
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM 2023**

January, 2023

Dear Band Director or Sponsor,

Since 1997, the Warren Concert Band has offered scholarships to qualified high school musicians. Several of our scholarship recipients have achieved excellence in their fields of performance through leadership in school bands or performance in adult bands. **In fact, some of the recipients have received college scholarships, and/or have won professional music positions.**

Our goals are to encourage long-term involvement in performance of band music, and to make students aware of the opportunity to continue performance after high school with a community group, such as the Warren Concert Band.

Our scholarship program is a memorial to Mary Lee Fitz, one of the founders of the Warren Concert Band, and is now named "The Mary Lee Fitz Warren Concert Band Student Scholarship Program. The purpose of our program is to provide monetary incentives to musically talented high school band members to be used **either** for private instrumental instruction from a qualified teacher **or** (**NEW for 2023**) for purchasing of equipment, materials, repairs, or upgrading the primary band instrument

The award of scholarship money is based upon the completion of the **application** and **recommendation forms** as well as a **competitive audition** in April of each year. Through this program, **we have awarded over \$17,000 in scholarships** to deserving high school students in the Warren area.

Scholarship applicants must currently be in the ninth (9) through eleventh (11) grade, and must be current members of their school band program. Please find the guidelines, application form, and all reference/recommendation sheets necessary for completing the application, either on-line (warrenconcertband.com) or with this packet. ***Please note that previous scholarship recipients from this program are not eligible for these awards.***

Please feel free to make additional copies as needed and note that all Application and Reference forms are due by **Friday, March 17, 2023**. All applicants with complete applications will be contacted with regard to being scheduled for an audition time on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 in the Music Wing of Warren Lincoln High School, 22900 Federal Warren, MI 48089.**

If you have any questions, please call Don Platter at (248) 375-0473.

Sincerely,

Don Platter, Chair
Scholarship Committee
Warren Concert Band, Inc.