

Debbie Blink Memorial Scholarship

The Debbie Blink Memorial Scholarship offers a performance scholarship to high school color guard members from Indiana who will be performing with a drum corps the summer following their graduation from high school. The monetary value and quantity of the scholarship(s) will be based on available funding. The scholarship is a memorial scholarship in remembrance of Debbie Blink. Debbie was introduced to color guard at a young age as she watched her older sisters' color guard performances. Debbie was a member of the Yorktown High School Colorguard and went on to march in the Star of Indiana Drum & Bugle Corps. She returned to Yorktown High School as a color guard instructor and continued to give back as an instructor to Yorktown's color guard; Debbie continued teaching and working with Indiana high school color guard and dance students and with several other organizations and schools through the years.

Throughout her adulthood, Debbie continued to give back by sponsoring young adults who had the desire to march drum corps after high school by providing financial support to students who may not have been able to perform otherwise. She was a firm believer in the drum corps activity and the important life lessons and close personal bonds created in the color guard activity.

Debbie passed away December 24, 2014 after a courageous 3 ½ year battle with cancer. Her friends have decided to honor her memory with a scholarship to assist students continuing after high school in the colorguard / drum corps activity. The scholarship has been funded through generous donations of friends, family and those who share Debbie's passion for the drum corps activity. Criteria for applicants:

- Indiana High School Senior
- Commitment to march in a drum corps the entire summer following high school graduation
- Reference letter from high school color guard director or band director
- Confirmation of commitment from a drum corps director or colorguard caption head
- Students must write a 500 word essay about why they chose to march drum corps.

Students must complete the attached application and submit references letter.

Please mail applications/reference by the postmark deadline of April 29, 2017 to:

Kenny Whitlock 2601 N. New Jersey, Indianapolis, IN 46205

Application for the Debbie Blink Memorial Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in continuing your color guard career into the drum corps activity. Please complete the following application, along with a 500 word essay and required references. The selection committee will contact you via email if you are invited to a personal interview. Good luck with the remainder of your senior year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

School: _____ School

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School Phone: _____

Band Director: _____

Band Director Phone: _____ Email: _____ Guard

Director: _____ Guard Director Phone: _____

Email: _____ Number of seasons in guard: _____

GPA: _____

Drum corps you will commit to this summer:

Corps Director Email/ Phone: _____

Color guard Caption Email/Phone: _____

Do you have a contract with this corps? Y N

If so, attach copy of contract to application If not, when will you be contracted?

I hereby state that the enclosed information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I submit this application with the intent and commitment to complete the entire season with the drum corps referenced in this document.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete application and mail with references and copy of contract by April 29, 2017 to:
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