

**Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools  
Sam VanScoy Memorial Dixie Band Camp Scholarship**



This scholarship is awarded in memory of Sam VanScoy. Sam was born on March 6, 2001 and passed away on December 28, 2016 at the age of 15.

Sam had a gift for music and could play virtually any instrument he chose. He was a member of the Jonesboro High School Band and a talented guitarist.

Because of his love for music, his family and friends established this scholarship in his name to allow future Jonesboro High School students to attend Dixie Band Camp – a camp Sam attended and loved.

Founded in 1937, Dixie Band Camp is among the oldest band camps in the nation. It is held each June on the campus of the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas.

## **Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools Scholarship Application Sam VanScoy Memorial Dixie Band Camp Scholarship**

**Scholarship Information:** This scholarship is awarded in memory of Sam VanScoy. Sam was born on March 6, 2001 and passed away on December 28, 2016 at the age of 15. Sam was a member of the Jonesboro High School Band, and he loved attending Dixie Band Camp.

**Purpose:** This fund shall be used to assist Jonesboro High School Band members in attending Dixie Band Camp in Conway, Arkansas.

**Eligibility:** The recipient must be a current sophomore, junior, or senior Jonesboro High School Band member.

**Criteria:** A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required to apply for his scholarship. Factors to be considered in selecting a recipient of this scholarship should include dedication to band, interest in improving as an instrumentalist, and financial need.

**Manner of Selection:** The scholarship recipient shall be selected in a competitive, impartial process based on the criteria outlined in this document. No applicant shall receive special consideration. Selection of this scholarship will be performed by a committee consisting of the following members:

1. The Jonesboro High School Director of Bands
2. One Scholarship Committee member from the Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools
3. Additional JHS Band staff and faculty members at the invitation of the Director of Bands
4. Family members of Sam VanScoy who would like to attend the selection meeting

**Amount of Scholarship:** Each year, the Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools will award up to two Sam VanScoy Memorial Dixie Band Camp Scholarships. One will be a full scholarship (\$370) and the other will be a ½ tuition scholarship (\$185). These funds are kept in the Foundation for Jonesboro Public Schools bank account under the line item called “VanScoy Memorial Fund.” This scholarship will be awarded until funds in the line item run out. Checks will be made to “Dixie Band Camp.” It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient, under the supervision of the Director of Bands, to complete an application for Dixie Band Camp and submit the check with the application in a timely manner. Visit [www.dixiebandcamp.net](http://www.dixiebandcamp.net) to access an application. Dixie Band Camp applications are normally due around mid-May.

**2021 Scholarship Application Deadline:** March 12, 2021

**Return Applications To:** Grant Harbison, JHS Director of Bands

**Please include the following items:**

**1. Application Form**

An Application Form can be found on page 3 of this packet

**2. High School Transcript**

Please include your current JHS transcript. This is available by request and free of charge at the JHS main office.

**3. Resume**

Your resume should include the following information:

Academic Honors and Special Awards

Band Honors and Awards

Extracurricular Activities

Leadership Positions Held

Career Plans

**4. Personal Statement**

In one or two typewritten pages (double or single spaced, 12 point font), introduce yourself to the scholarship selection committee and explain why you are deserving of the Sam VanScoy Memorial Dixie Band Camp Scholarship. **Include any special circumstances you may have.**

**5. One Letter of Recommendation (Optional)**

You may attach one letter for recommendation from any adult **not related to you**. Examples of recommendation letter writers include band staff, music teachers, coaches, school teachers, school administrators, pastors, employers, and adult mentors.

**Past Recipients:**

2017 – Demarcus Foreman (Full Scholarship) and Savannah Sharp (1/2 Scholarship)

2018 – Brandon Foley (Full Scholarship) and Kaysie Wilson (1/2 Scholarship)

2019 – Alandria Maddox (Full Scholarship) and Lenzy Clay (1/2 Scholarship)

2020 – Kaedynce Miller (Full Scholarship) and Connor Moore (1/2 Scholarship)

## **Sam VanScoy Dixie Band Camp Memorial Scholarship Application Form**

*Return this form to Grant Harbison, JHS Director of Bands, by March 12, 2021. Please include:  
High School Transcript, Resume, Personal Statement, and optional Letter of Recommendation.*

Student's Name:

Student's Address:

Student's Phone:

Student's Email:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Address:

Parent's Phone:

Parent's Email:

What grade are you in?:

GPA:

Current Class Rank:

ACT and/or SAT Score:

College you plan to attend:

Planned major:

Do you plan to play in a college band?

Number of years enrolled at Jonesboro Public Schools:

Number of years in Junior High Band:

Number of years in the JHS Band:

Number of years you've attended Dixie Band Camp:

What instrument(s) do you play?:

Have you passed on audition music required for camp? (Required)

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_