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| Willging-Reed Summer Music Scholarship |
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**Application Instructions**

Before preparing this application, please review the criteria outlined on this page.

**Application due April 30.**

**Scholarship Purpose:** The Ronald Willging family, along with Steven Reed and Susan Dietrich-Reed, have established this Summer Music Scholarship to help orchestral music students at St. Joseph High School pursue their music educational goals by attending a high-quality summer music camp.

**Criteria:** This scholarship is for $500-$1,000 for orchestral music students at St. Joseph High School to help them attend a high-quality summer music camps that are available such as Interlochen, Blue Lake International, Western Michigan University Seminar, Aspen Music Festival, or the Brevard Music Festival. The ideal candidate must either play a string instrument or be enrolling in an orchestral setting as a wind or percussion player. Candidates must also have a minimum GPA of 3.0, demonstrate qualities of high personal character, show leadership skills, and provide an audition video to show musical ability.

Only high school level students are eligible (incoming 9th through 11th grade students). This is a non-renewable scholarship, but students may reapply to receive the scholarship more than once.

**To complete your application, provide information in the following order:**

* Application Form
* TYPED Answers to the following questions:
  + What are your future musical goals?
  + How will the camp experience help your musical abilities?
  + How will this camp experience benefit the St. Joseph Band & Orchestra program?
* Proof of acceptance letter to summer music camp.
* Letters of Recommendation including one letter from each of the following:
  + **Music instructor** (at school and/or private) addressing the applicant’s ability to attain his/her goals in the field of music and a summary of the student’s musical commitment;
  + **Teacher (not music), Counselor or non-parental Authority Figure** addressing the applicant’s level of personal character including honesty, integrity and leadership in the promotion of music in the school and community.

Students will be notified by the Foundation regarding scholarship recipients. The scholarship will be paid directly to the camp on the student’s behalf.

**All applications and support materials must be given to orchestra director Burke Lokey at St. Joseph High School by April 30. Application Information**

Must be typed.

**Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Primary Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Cell Phone:** Click here to enter text.

**Address:** Click here to enter text.

**Email**: Click here to enter text.

**Date of Birth** (mm/dd/yyyy): Click here to enter text.

**Parent/Guardian Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Parent/Guardian Primary Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Parent/Guardian Email:** Click here to enter text.

**Music Camp or Festival Attending:** Click here to enter text.

**Have you been accepted into the camp?**

**Instrument**:

**Year in High School** (e.g., Sophomore):       **GPA**:

**List the titles and composers of pieces on your audition VIDEO. Two contrasting sections are**

**recommended and can be two movements of the same piece.**

1. Click here to enter text.

2. Click here to enter text.

**Provide the link to your video audition on YouTube:**

Questions for Applicants

**In a few sentences each, answer the following questions:**

1. What are your future musical goals?
2. How will your camp experience help you reach them?
3. How will your camp experience benefit the St. Joseph Band & Orchestra Program?

**Signatures**

This page cannot be submitted electronically. You must submit a hard copy.

**Certification:**

I acknowledge that the information provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, it is for the purpose of attending summer music camp. In the event that I do not attend summer music camp, or receive other financial assistance that cover the cost in its entirety, I will relinquish my claim to the award in order that another student could receive the aid. I also acknowledge that distribution of all scholarships is contingent upon the funds being available.

This scholarship, like all scholarships awarded through the Berrien Community Foundation, is made at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The Berrien Community Foundation Board of Trustees reserves the right to rescind any or all of this scholarship due to unanticipated circumstances.

**Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

**Permission to Release Information:**

We accept the terms of this scholarship program and permission is granted to the Berrien Community Foundation to seek verification of any information provided in this application from any source, for review by the officers and trustees of the Foundation or any other person authorized by the Foundation. We hereby release from liability any person submitting information to the Foundation for use in the selection of scholarship recipients.

**Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

**Media Permission:**

I allow the Foundation to use any pictures taken at the Awards Night in Foundation publications.

**Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**

Willging-Reed Summer Music Scholarship - About the Donors

***NOTES***

Ron Willging


Ron Willging was an icon at St. Joseph High School. The beloved Latin, History and Economics teacher, fondly known as "Ging," was also a consummate supporter of the orchestra and the fine arts department at the school. Many attribute Willging's impassioned speech and letter to the school board in the early 1980's as the reason the school maintained its orchestra program during tough budget times.



Steven Reed is a legend in his own right at St. Joseph schools. The long-time orchestra director built the impressive program from the ground up. He challenged and pushed students. He took them around the world. "It's so important for you to see other orchestras that are better and challenge yourselves to be the best you can be," he says.

The two school icons were also great friends. When Willging passed away in 2013 his family wanted to do something that would honor his legacy. Steven Reed wanted the same. Reed and Ron's wife Joy combined forces to create the Willging-Reed Scholarship Fund at the Berrien Community Foundation to provide summer camp opportunities for St. Joseph High School band and orchestra students every year - forever.

**Questions?**

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