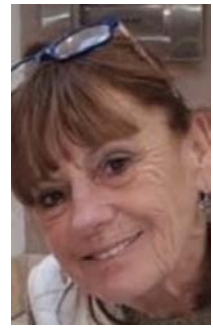




2024

Karen A. Raffa Memorial Scholarship Information & Application



Karen Raffa was involved in the drum corps activity virtually her entire life. As a performer, she marched with St. Patrick's of Stoneham, MA, and later as an instructor with several Boston area corps. Her greatest role as running a drum corps event along with her husband Frank, The Beanpot, in the Boston area for more than 35 years. She was devoted to making the event a class act. As a tribute to the quality of the show corps consistently asked to be in the show. Under their direction, proceeds, over \$150,000, have been donated to both members of the competing corps, local high school music majors and family members of the Cardinal Alumni Association. Karen tirelessly handled tickets, field arrangements, promotions and multitude of other tasks to ensure the event was successful.

The Karen A. Raffa Memorial Scholarship \$2000 award will be granted to a student enrolled in higher education while a participating member of a DCI participating drum corps in the 2024 season.

DCI will administrate the scholarship and has established the following guidelines:

1. The recipient must be enrolled full time in a college/university degree program.
2. The recipient must attend a college or university; not a trade school or vocational school.
3. The recipient must be an active marching member of a DCI participating drum corps that will compete in the 2024 DCI Summer Tour.
4. Each nominee must have their corps' director sign off as an endorser.
5. Scholarship(s) granted will be paid by check written to his/her drum corps OR college/university. Scholarship money may be used by the member to pay current or next season's corps tuition, university tuition, books other activity fees. Any unused scholarship monies, either from the student leaving the education establishment before completing his/her degree or upon the student completing and receiving his/her degree, OR by deciding not to continue in the drum corps activity, will be returned to DCI.
6. Scholarships granted will not be less than \$2000.00 per recipient.
7. The scholarship will be granted for one year only, but recipients may re-apply the next year if he/she remains active with a corps and meets all the other requirements.
8. Selections will be made by a committee consisting of individuals representing various DCI activities, the Cardinal Association and the Raffa family, whose decisions will be final.
9. The award will be announced on the Drum Corps International website in late May with other award recipients. Recipients should work with corps director to set up a meeting with the scholarship family/foundation at some point on tour and return a photo for posting at DCI World Championships in August.
10. Applications for 2024 Scholarships must be submitted to DCI via an email with ONE attachment (create ONE pdf of all required documents – do not send multiple attachments) to Scholarships@DCI.org, **NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2024.** Please mark Karen Raffa Scholarship in the subject line. **All required paperwork must be completed as a part of the Scholarship Application pdf.**

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2023

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PERSONAL DATA

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Email _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address (if different from above) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Address (if different from above) _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Number of siblings _____ Are any involved in pageantry? _____

Age(s) of siblings _____ Any siblings in college, if so, how many? _____

Where do your siblings attend college? (if applicable) _____

Are you employed? _____ If yes, where and length of time with that employer? _____

EDUCATION

High School _____

City & State _____ Year in school _____

College _____

City & State _____ College Major _____

DCI CORPS INFORMATION

With what corps are you performing? _____

Circle one: Brass Color Guard Percussion How long have you been a member of that unit? _____

With what other groups have you performed? _____

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING (attach separate sheet if necessary):

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Academic progress: this includes grade point average, course load, extenuating circumstances and challenges overcome in your academic endeavors.

Importance of community give back: As you travel with the DCI tour, discuss a little about how the corps to the community the importance that it plays, as well as how you might add to that spirit through your performance on and off of the field. What are some of the best examples of how you/your corps worked with the community and how did that affect you as an individual.

Future plans: your plans and goals for post education. Where do you see yourself in five years?

Why do you want or need this scholarship?

I certify that the above and enclosed information is complete and true.

Applicant _____ Date _____

I have reviewed the above application and recommend this member for the Karen Raffa Memorial Scholarship.

Corps Director Signature _____

Corps _____ Date _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE:

High School transcripts (including explanation of system, i.e. 4 point, etc.)

College transcripts (if applicable)

Two letters of recommendation from individuals other than Corps Director.

Two photos (one headshot)

SAT/ACT scores (optional and if available)

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