



## Handbell Musicians of America SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS POLICY

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **Ellen Jane Lorenz Porter Scholarship**

The Ellen Jane Lorenz Porter Scholarship was created by the Area 5 Board of Directors in 1997 as a tribute to Ellen Jane's early, ground breaking work with handbells. This fund provides support for qualified first-time attendees for Area 5 Youth/Adult Festival/Conferences, Area 5 Directors Workshops/Seminars, and the Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar. This fund does not apply to Young Ringers (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) events. Deadlines and applications will be posted when funds are available for an upcoming event.

#### **Barbara Kane Scholarship**

The Barbara Kane Scholarship was created by the Area 5 Board of Directors in 2000 as a tribute to former Chair, Barbara Kane and her tireless support of Area 5 and handbells in general. This fund provides support for qualified first-time attendees for an Area 5 Youth/Adult Festival/Conference. This fund does not apply to Young Ringers (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) events. Deadlines and applications will be posted when funds are available for an upcoming event.

#### **David R. Davidson Young Ringers Scholarship**

The David R. Davidson Young Ringers Scholarship was created by the Area 5 Board of Directors in 2011 as a tribute to David's immense contributions to Handbell Musicians of America, Area 5, and the art of handbell ringing. David was committed to encouraging young ringers as a way of strengthening and securing the future of handbells. This fund provides support for qualified first-time attendees for all Area 5 Young Ringers (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade) events. Deadlines and applications will be posted when funds are available for an upcoming event.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS POLICY

1. The Area 5 Scholarship Committee may award scholarships to those applicants who:
  - a) Are current members of Handbell Musicians of America and reside in Area 5. Either a personal or organizational membership qualifies.
  - b) Submit their application postmarked no later than 6 weeks before the event
  - c) Are first-time attendees at the chosen event
  - d) Show some background in handbells
2. Applicants will be notified within two weeks of the application deadline.
3. The Scholarship Committee will award scholarships up to the certified available dollar amount at their sole discretion, and has the right to award fewer or no scholarships.
4. The maximum amount of any scholarship shall be the published base registration fee.
5. Recipients are responsible for their own travel, lodging, meals, incidental expenses, and any additional fees for the event not covered by the base registration fee.
6. Recipients are expected to submit a brief follow-up report of their experience at their chosen event. This report may be used by Area 5 to promote the scholarship program.
7. Funds for awards will be forwarded directly to the event registrar, on the recipient's behalf. No funds will be paid directly to the recipient.
8. Members of the Area 5 Board of Directors, the Scholarship Committee, and their immediate family members shall be ineligible for scholarship awards during their term of office.