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THE THOMAS A. WRIGHT JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2026 FAME Alumni Scholarship Application Criteria

Application for **2026 Thomas A. Wright, Jr. FAME Alumni Scholarship** open on **Friday, October 9, 2026**. Completed applications and all required materials must be submitted by **Friday, November 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

The scholarship provides a **$1,500 award** to an eligible FAME Jazz Band Program alumnus to support their continued education. The scholarship is paid directly to the student and may be used for tuition, books, fees, instruments, or other educational expenses.

How to Apply

Visit FAMEmusic.org, click Scholarships, and select "The Thomas A. Wright, Jr. Scholarship" to review scholarship information and complete the application.

The Thomas A. Wright, Jr. Scholarship is available exclusively for FAME Jazz Band Program alumni who meet the requirements below.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a graduate/alumnus of the **FAME Jazz Band Program**.
- Have a **cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher**.
- Have completed at least **one semester** at an accredited college, university, or trade school at the time of application.
- Be currently enrolled **full time**, defined as at least **12 credit hours for undergraduate students** or **6 credit hours for graduate students**.
- Provide proof of current enrollment and an official/unofficial transcript.
- Demonstrate an ongoing commitment to FAME through service or participation, such as volunteering, performing, mentoring, supporting FAME programs, or participating in FAME workshops and activities.

- Submit an essay of **no more than 300 words** addressing:
    - How has music impacted your life?
    - How do you use technology in your academic work? Provide examples.
    - How you plan to incorporate or use music in your future; and
    - Your academic achievements, extracurricular activities, awards, honors, community involvement, and other information that demonstrates your accomplishments and goals.

Important: Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the application and all required supporting materials are complete and received by the deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.