

**“Aiming Higher”
Middle School Scholarship Program
2020-2021 Scholarship Requirements**

The “Aiming Higher” program is designed for students that wish to strive for higher achievement in UIL events, the TMEA audition process or a suitable substitute as well as become more proficient as an individual musician. Intense study is essential to meeting these goals. The CFB Fine Arts department and our middle school band and orchestra programs are committed to assisting students with reaching these goals. Scholarships are intended for students who have indicated a sincere desire to become better musicians and contribute their talents to the strengthening of their own musical ability and the performing organization. **Please note that all lessons must be virtual as we start the 2020-2021 year. After the first 9 weeks we will reassess.**

Students must meet the requirements listed below in order to qualify for these scholarships:

- Students must be enrolled in a middle school band or orchestra program.
- Students must commit to participating in the region audition process and/or working towards an acceptable substitute for this process; i.e. recital, solo contest, etc.
- Students must submit a completed Scholarship Application form to the campus director.
- Scholarships awarded may be used for study with teachers approved by CFBISD and the middle school band and orchestra directors.
- **Students must remain academically eligible in order to retain the scholarship privilege.**
- The amount of scholarship will be awarded based on merit, need, and desire to compete in the TMEA/UIL process. The amount covered will be determined by each director.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the consultant by the program.
- Funds are limited to 6th and 7th grade students who meet the above criteria and for 8th graders who began the process in 6th or 7th grade.

1. The organization directors will introduce the “Aiming Higher” program to eligible students enrolled in 6th and 7th grade band or orchestra and 8th graders who began the program in 6th or 7th grade. These students will be provided with a 2020-2021 Scholarship Application & Enrollment form as well as the Scholarship Requirements information form. The scholarship applicant shall be notified by the directors of receipt and amount of scholarship.

2. Students who choose to participate in the lesson program are taught once per week during the music class or before or after school. All sessions must occur on a CFB ISD campus.
3. The total cost for each session is \$20 per ½ class period. Awarded scholarships will be applied to the \$20. Any remaining costs will be covered by the student or other campus funding sources. Sessions will be billed at the discretion of the consultant. All financial transactions are the responsibility of the consultant. If awarded, all “Aiming Higher” scholarship amounts will be determined by each campus director. The start and stop dates of the program will be determined by the HS directors, but will not continue after the last school day in May.
4. Scholarship money may be discontinued if:
 - a. Session money is no longer available
 - b. Student is not meeting the designated criteria.
5. Scholarship recipients must commit to do the following:
 - a. They must practice
 - b. They must attend all performances.
 - c. They must be present for all rehearsals beyond the school hours.
 - d. They must remain academically eligible.
6. Failure to adhere to these commitments may result in the forfeiture of any scholarship.
7. Additional funds for scholarships may be provided by the organization’s fund raising efforts. For access to these campus level funds, participation in fundraising may be required by the MS band or orchestra directors. These funds are additional to the “Aiming Higher” funds.
8. Policies regarding missed lessons are as follows:
 - a. With prior notification, a student who is absent from school will be given an opportunity to schedule a makeup session with the instructor.
 - b. A student who misses a session without a 24-hour prior notification will be financially accountable for the entire fee for that session. No scholarship money will be applied to offset the cost of missed sessions. ***Students who miss a session with an unexcused absence will be responsible to pay the balance of the missed session directly to the consultant.***
 - c. The student will receive the “Aiming Higher” program consultant’s phone number at their first session. To cancel a session, the student is to contact the consultant at least 24 hours in advance. If you have a morning emergency and if the consultant cannot be reached, contact the director of the school organization.

“Aiming Higher” Middle School Scholarship Program
2020-2021 Scholarship Application & Enrollment Form
(To be completed by student and parent and returned to the director)

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Daytime Phone _____

Instrument _____

I am applying for a music scholarship for the following reason(s):

Do you receive free/reduced lunch? No _____ Yes - Free _____ or Reduced _____

I understand that being awarded a music scholarship is a privilege. I will do my best to earn that privilege by being a responsible ensemble member. I commit to do the following things: I will practice, attend all performances, be present for all rehearsals beyond the school hours and remain academically eligible. I realize that my failure to adhere to this commitment may result in the withdrawal of this scholarship.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

I understand that a music lesson scholarship is a privilege. I will see that my child takes full advantage of this opportunity. I realize that the money to provide scholarships is derived from the fundraising efforts of the CFB “Aiming Higher” and or campus fundraising efforts. I recognize that one factor in the allocation of scholarship awards is the student’s commitment to the program. I have read the student agreement above and will help my child fulfill that commitment.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

(For campus program use only)

Instructor _____

Awarded \$ _____ per lesson