

2015 ALISO NIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL ALUMNI BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS:

We are pleased to announce that the twelfth annual Alumni Booster Scholarship Award will again be presented at this year's End of the Year Banquet on June 12, 2015.

This scholarship originated as a means for three alumni booster parents to give something back directly to the students they had come to know, work along side and watch perform during their years in this program. This year, through the cooperation of the booster organization and the generous donations of parents and friends, this fine tradition will continue. The final amount has yet to be tallied but we can say each award should help towards paying for books and supplies as you continue your education.

Application Requirements:

Applying for this scholarship should not be hard. Basically, all it will require is a little quality time on your part and the desire to tell us a little about yourself. In fact, if you have applied for other scholarships, you may already be on your way.

Sound simple enough? Well, here are the details.

The Alumni Scholarship is awarded with the intention the recipient(s) use the funds for further study, preferably at a college or university, but funds may also be used for some private course of study. The criteria below will be the basis upon which the award is given.

Because the program is made up of two distinct units--musicians and auxiliary--the criteria for consideration is based upon four general, but equal, elements that should apply no matter what the student's area of expertise. These elements are: Grade Point Average, Leadership, Teamwork and Dedication to Personal Excellence.

Here is what you need to address each of these. Please be as concise and to-the-point as you can with your descriptions while still getting your points across.

- > **Grade Point Average.** It is not a prerequisite to have the highest GPA in the school. But, a solid GPA certainly does not hurt (!) and is a demonstration that the student understands the real reason they are attending this institution. Please forward a copy of your transcripts and list any academic organizations you may be part of.
- > **Leadership.** Leaders come in many forms. Some are strong and very noticeable while others are quiet, yet efficient. A leader will be known regardless of how he or she does it. These are individuals who take on challenges and garner the respect of their peers by setting a positive example and direction for them to follow. In a short paragraph or two please provide examples of leadership you have performed and situations where your leadership has provided benefits to an organization or group. You DON'T have to limit your experiences to just the band so don't feel like you are at a disadvantage because you were never a section leader or unit captain. There are many other examples you can use to demonstrate your leadership skills.
- > **Teamwork.** So many elements in life depend upon the intricate coordination of many individuals working together as a unit. This also applies to any program where there is a close interaction with others. In a short paragraph or two please provide examples of how your participation in positive teamwork has impacted you and the groups you work with (i.e. other students, leaders, the director, the coaches and/or parents). Once again, you do not have to limit yourself simply to your band experiences.
- > **Dedication to Personal Excellence.** While teamwork involves the coming together of many, this category emphasizes the individual and the dedication to learning his/her particular skill, whether it was blowing into an instrument, pounding on a drum, or spinning a flag. In a short paragraph or two please describe how a dedication to your own personal excellence has helped make you a better student and performer. While assembling your application please insure that you address each of these elements. Take your time and give each item some quality thought before you put anything down. And remember one thing--your years at Aliso were not spent solely in the music department. Please do not hesitate to include any and all activities outside of the music program to enhance your application. *Also, if you could also include a small picture of yourself embedded into the application, it would be greatly appreciated.*

If you have any questions and need further clarity around any of these items please email your questions to:
Bill Spivey at wenspive@pacbell.net

Where Do I Send My Application?

The preferred method of transmittal is electronic. If you choose this method please send your application and attached documents in PDF format, if possible. The email address is: wenspive@pacbell.net

If you choose to forward your application via snail mail, please send it to the following address:

Aliso Niguel HS Instrumental Music Boosters, Inc
ATTN: Alumni Scholarship
26895 Aliso Creek Road #B-682
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

When Is My Application Due?

All applications must be received by us no later than Friday, June 5th. This will provide us with adequate time to review them.

Finally, we realize that not everyone may feel they are strong enough in any or all of these four categories to warrant taking the time to apply. Believe me, there is a little of each of these in all of us. You may just need to take the time to seek them out and put them in writing no matter how trivial you feel they may be. Give yourself all the credit in the world for the positive things you have done while attending Aliso. Who knows? By taking the time to list all the positives about yourself you may actually discover you are better than you thought. That, by itself, is worth the time and effort you put into this.

Good Luck,

Your ANHS Alumni Booster Scholarship Award Committee,

Bill Spivey
Warren Karr
John Hudson
Ken Hammond