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The William R. Gard Memorial Scholarship was established by NAMM, the National Association of Music Merchants, in an effort to encourage individuals to pursue education and careers in the music products industry.

Named for a former NAMM Executive Vice President, the Gard Scholarship **is available to NAMM Member employees who are attending college.**

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$2,000 per academic year and may be renewed for up to three additional years, provided the applicant continues his or her employment with the Member firm and maintains satisfactory academic standing. Scholarship renewal is at the discretion of the Grants and Scholarships Committee following review of the renewal application that demonstrates progress in studies.

Scholarship funds are sent directly to the recipient's college. Monies will be credited to the recipient's tuition or mandatory fees in September, at which time the recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student. Should the recipient leave college prior to the full depletion of the scholarship funds, the remaining balance must be returned to the NAMM Gard Scholarship Fund.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on a variety of criteria:

- The NAMM Member company must have been a Member in good standing for at least two years prior to the application deadline of March 31.
- Applicant must have completed at least 400 hours of employment at the NAMM Member firm during the year ending March 31.
- Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time college student for the upcoming fall session.
- Applicant must submit letters of reference (including one from NAMM Member employee), grade transcripts, awards and community involvement.

For more detailed information about the programs that the NAMM Foundation's initiatives support and to access funding guidelines and details, visit [www.nammfoundation.org](http://www.nammfoundation.org) or send an e-mail to [grants@namm.org](mailto:grants@namm.org).

**SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:**

<b>Submit Application</b>	<b>Application Cycle Closes</b>	<b>Award Notification</b>
February 15-March 31, 2012	March 31, 2012	June 1, 2012

**STUDENT INFORMATION:**

**Student Full Name** (required)

**Primary Residence/Street Address** (required)

**City** (required)

**State** (required)

**Zip** (required)

**Country** (required)

**Phone Number** (required)

**Primary e-mail Address** (required)

**Date of Birth** (required)

**Year of High School Graduation** (required)

**YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Please specify your academic level and year for which you are seeking funds.** (required) (i.e. Freshman Semester I and II, 2012–13; Senior Year, Semester II, 2012–2013)

**List the colleges that you will attend or have been accepted for the upcoming fall semester. If you are undecided, list schools where you have an active application.** (required) If you have not yet decided on a school or your acceptance is pending, list schools you are considering. Scholarship funds cannot be awarded until a student is enrolled full-time at a college or university. Based on your application, an award may be made subject to review after college acceptance is confirmed.

**Please list all high school(s) and college(s) attended, graduation date(s) and diploma/certificate(s) received.** (required)

**In what organization(s) have you taken part during the past three years?** (required) Please include community organizations, government, student government, literacy activities (newspaper, yearbook publications), dramatics, musical activities, clubs, service organizations and athletics.

**Describe any special recognition, honors or prizes received during the past five years.** (required)

**Describe your leisure interests or hobbies, noting any accomplishments in the area of music.** (required)

**Upload a file that lists the jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the past three years or attach your resume.** (required)

**YOU AND YOUR FUTURE**

**Describe the one interest or activity (in or out of school) which has engaged most of your time and energy within the past three years and to which you have made the strongest commitment. How do you evaluate the results of your involvement in this endeavor?** (required)

**Clearly describe your role in the above endeavor.**

**Discuss your plans for the next five years, including your choice of career, and how you plan to prepare yourself for that career.** (required)

**Submit an essay of no more than 500 words demonstrating your unique interest in pursuing a career in the music products industry and what you expect from the education that the scholarship will provide.** (required)

**Why do you feel you are qualified to be a recipient of the William R. Gard Memorial Scholarship?** (required)

**Provide a summary of known educational expenses for the educational year for which funds are requested; detail how scholarship funds will be applied toward these costs.** (required)

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Employer Reference Letter** (required)

Letter to be completed by your employer should include the following:

- Company Name
- Company Contact
- NAMM Member Number
- NAMM Member Since (Year)
- Continuous Membership: Yes or No
- Address, Phone and e-mail Contact
- Short Summary of Your Work Experience and Participation in the Company

### **High School or College Transcript** (required)

Please upload a Fall 2011 transcript.

NOTE: If you scan your transcript, please keep file size as small as possible while keeping the scan legible.

### **Letters of Reference** (required)

Two letters of reference; one from department head or professor and one from a non-relative who has known you for more than five years. This letter can be from NAMM Member employer or other. Please ask for persons preparing your letter of reference to address the following questions:

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- Evaluate the applicant's and his/her capacity to benefit and grow as a result of the education the Gard Scholarship will provide.
- Provide background information concerning the scholarship applicant as it relates to his/her current involvement in the music products industry and in the applicant's intent to pursue a career in the music products industry.

### **High-Res Photograph** (optional)

Please upload high res photograph. Scholarship recipient photos may be used for promotional purposes and shared with the NAMM Board of Directors.

### **FAFSA Identification Number**

If you are currently enrolled in a college or university or have accepted a position for your freshman year, please enter the FAFSA Identification Number of the college or university.