IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

To Apply for the Award:
1) Apply for admission to NIU at www.niu.edu/apply
2) Academic achievement: ACT composite score 22 or higher, and high school GPA of 3.0/4.0 or top 10% of graduating class
3) Complete and submit this application
4) Submit a recommendation letter from your high school band teacher
5) Complete the audition in person, via DVD, or via Youtube

Decisions:
Up to 50 students will receive awards of $1,000 each, and up to 40 students will receive awards of $500 each. Scholarships can be awarded as soon as your application is complete, so apply now!

Training:
All members of the Huskie Marching Band are required to attend band camp, which is held one week before the start of the fall semester. Visit the Huskie Marching Band website at www.niu.edu/band in May for registration forms and additional information.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: ______________________________________ NIU ZID #: __________________________

E-Mail: ______________________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Address: ______________________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ________________

High School: ____________________________ H.S. City/State: ____________________________

H.S. GPA: ____________ ACT composite: ____________ Class rank: ____________

Intended major at NIU: ____________________________

Instrument: Flute Clarinet Alto Saxophone Tenor Saxophone Trumpet Trombone

Trombone Horn/Mellophone Euphonium/Baritone Tuba Snare Drum

Tenor Drum (quints or quads) Colorguard

Years of experience performing on audition instrument or colorguard: ____________________________
AUDITION:

Audition Method: 1) Live audition: Email the Huskie Band Office at band@niu.edu to schedule an audition Monday - Thursday during the NIU semester, or during the School of Music auditions on February 10-11 or February 24-25.
2) Youtube video or web link: ______________________________________
3) DVD. Include with this application.

Woodwinds and Brass: The audition must contain Hail to the Huskies and the Huskie Fight Song, available at www.niu.edu/band/multimedia/library/index.shtml as well as two contrasting etudes or solo excerpts that demonstrate both technical and expressive capability. Each etude or solo should last no more than two minutes. All-District or All-State audition etudes are appropriate for this portion or the audition.

Drumline: Perform either the snare or tenor drum parts for the exercises found at www.niu.edu/band/drumline/index.shtml Also include a recording or your performance of a rudimental snare or tenor drum solo that lasts from 2-3 minutes. The only positions available are for field battery. All scholarship recipients must still successfully audition for a position within the NIU drumline, on Saturday April 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on the NIU campus. An audition preparation camp will be held on Saturday, March 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to help prospective members prepare for the audition. Students can audition for the marching band scholarships on March 10 also.

Colorguard: Include a DVD or Youtube video no longer than 5 minutes that demonstrates the most challenging part of your current marching band or winterguard routine. Select footage that highlights your skill in performing with a flag and your skill in movement and marching. All scholarship recipients must still successfully audition for a position within the NIU colorguard on Saturday April 28 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on the NIU campus. Colorguard candidates must have a minimum of 2 years experience in colorguard, winterguard, or DCI to be eligible for the award.

REFERENCE:

Please provide us with the name and contact information for the person that will be submitting a recommendation (should be your high school band director). Recommendations can be submitted to the address below or via email to band@niu.edu.

Name: ________________________________ Title: ________________________________
Office Address: ________________________________
Office Phone Number: __________________________ E-Mail: ________________________

Submit Application to: Huskie Marching Band
RE: Scholarship Auditions
SCHOOL OF MUSIC, ROOM 163
DeKalb, IL 60115

Required Signature:

I understand that my academic and any other pertinent records will be verified by the appropriate department and university offices.

Applicant Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________