HUSKIE MARCHING BAND
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2018-2019

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

To Apply for the Award:
1) Apply for admission to NIU at www.niu.edu/apply
2) Academic achievement: ACT composite score 19 or higher and high school GPA 2.75. Transfers should have 2.5 cumulative GPA.
3) Complete the online application for the Huskie Marching Band Scholarship via Academic Works.
4) Submit a recommendation letter from your high school band director
5) Complete the audition. Requirements listed below.

Decisions:
Scholarships can be awarded as soon as your application is complete, so apply now!
Note: students with higher academic credentials may be given preference.

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.

AUDITION (CHOOSE ONE):

Audition Method:
1) Live audition: Email the Huskie Band Office at band@niu.edu to schedule an audition Monday - Wednesday during the NIU semester.
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, All-State, or NIU School of Music audition etudes are appropriate for this portion of the audition.

Drumline: Perform either the snare, tenor, bass drum, or cymbal parts for the exercises found at www.niu.edu/band/drumline/index.shtml. The only positions available are for field battery; we do not utilize a front ensemble. All scholarship recipients must successfully audition for a position within the NIU drumline, on Saturday April 28, 2018 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the music building, Room 155, on the NIU campus. An audition preparation camp will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at NIU, in Room 155 of the Music Building, to help prospective members prepare for the audition. Drumline students can audition for the marching band scholarships in person at either camp.

Color Guard: All potential guard members must attend auditions Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 8:30 – 5:00 pm. Candidates must have a minimum of 1-year experience on flag in marching band, winter guard or DCI to be eligible for the award. You will know your status in the guard at the end of the audition day. No video auditions are allowed. A letter of recommendation from your band director or guard instructor is acceptable. Please fill out the scholarship application prior to the audition date.

QUESTIONS?? CONTACT THE HUSKIE MARCHING BAND OFFICE AT
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