



It has been a long-standing mission with the Lake Agassiz Concert Band to promote music education throughout the Fargo-Moorhead region. Now that the school year is underway and hopefully the pandemic is behind us, we are thrilled to announce the Allegro Grant application is open for submissions.

Our student-led initiative is aimed at enhancing the educational experience of young musicians. Focusing on middle, junior, and high school band programs, this fund is intended to provide a one-time gift of \$1000 for any project, programming, or improvement needs necessary to your band program. This can be anything from a field trip to hear the Minnesota Orchestra, equipment for the band program, the stipend for a guest musician or clinician or simply the maintenance of existing equipment. We encourage programs to be creative in their applications and apply for a need that will truly enhance their program that may otherwise not be met.

Grant Qualifications:

- Must be a middle, junior, or high school band program (Public or Private).
- Must be located in one of the following counties
 - o Minnesota: Becker, Clay Mahnomen, Norman, Otter Tail, Polk, and Wilkin
 - o North Dakota: Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Grand Forks, Griggs, La Moure, Lakota, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Traill
- Students must be involved in application process.
- Funds must be spent or allocated within one year of award.
- Grantees must be present to receive award(s) at LAWS's concert on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Field Trip expenses for the entire group to attend (up to \$500) will be provided, if necessary.

Application Process and Schedule:

- Each group must create a 2 to 4 minute video that demonstrates and explains their programs specific need. We strongly encourage students to lead or be heavily involved in this process.
- Instructors of program need to submit a basic cover letter to lay out funding needs and intended use of funds.
- Videos must be submitted via YouTube or Vimeo.
- Cover letters, along with a link to your video, must be submitted via email to: contact@lakeagassizwindsymphony.org before midnight on Friday, March 1, 2024.
- The chosen program will be notified by March 6, 2024. We would like the group receiving the award to be present for the award ceremony at our March 10 concert (3:00 pm at Horizon Performing Arts Center).
- If selected, the band program must submit a report outlining use and impact of funds before March 1, 2025 (one year). Any questions should be directed to: contact@lakeagassizwindsymphony.org.