A long-standing mission of the Lake Agassiz Wind Symphony is to promote music education throughout the Fargo-Moorhead area. We are thrilled to announce that the Allegro Grant is open for submissions!

The Allegro Grant is a student-led initiative for middle, junior, and high school band programs. This one-time gift of $1,000 can be used for any project, programming, or improvements needed for your band program. This can be anything from a field trip to hear the Minnesota Orchestra, equipment for your band program, a stipend for a guest musician or clinician, or 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, which may otherwise go unmet.

**Grant Qualifications:**

* Must be a middle, junior, or high school band program (Public or Private).
* Must be located in one of the following counties
	+ Minnesota: Becker, Clay, Mahnomen, Norman, Otter Tail, Polk, and Wilkin
	+ North Dakota: Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Grand Forks, Griggs, La Moure, Lakota, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Traill
* Students must be involved in the application process.
* Funds must be spent or allocated within one year of the award.
* Grantees must be present to receive the award at LAWS’s concert on Saturday, October 4th, 2025. Field Trip expenses for the entire group to attend (up to $500) will be provided, if necessary.
* If selected, the band program must submit a report outlining the use and impact of funds within one year.

**Application Process and Schedule:**

* Instructors of the program need to submit a cover letter detailing funding needs and the intended use of funds.
* Each group is encouraged to create a 2- to 4-minute video that demonstrates the specific need of their program. Active student involvement in this process is greatly suggested.
* Videos must be submitted via YouTube or Vimeo.
* Cover letters, along with a link to your video if you choose to make one, must be submitted via email to: lakeagassizwindsymphony@gmail.com before midnight on Friday, September 26th, 2025.
* The chosen program will be notified on September 30th, 2025. The award will be presented at our October 4th concert (7:30 pm at Horizon Middle School Performing Arts Center).
* Any questions may be directed to: lakeagassizwindsymphony@gmail.com