East Lansing Band and Orchestra Parent Association (ELBOPA)
Marching Band Camp
Scholarship Policy

1. **Purpose**
    a. The East Lansing High School Marching Band represents the school and community of East Lansing in a positive light at local, state and national events year round. We emphasize scholastic and instrumental excellence, as well as personal and professional integrity among students, parents and faculty.
    b. Attendance at Marching Band Camp prior to the start of the school year enhances the students experience and the entire instrumental music program in East Lansing. The intent of this scholarship is specifically tied to assisting students with the cost of Marching Band Camp fees.

2. **Scholarship Award**
    a. ELBOPA Marching Band Camp scholarships are available to all qualifying members of the ELHS marching band in need of assistance to cover costs associated with marching band camp fees.
    b. Marching Band Camp Scholarship awards do not exceed 50% of the Marching Band Camp fee. Budgeted Marching Band Camp Scholarship funds are distributed to all qualified applicants based on need and will vary each year depending on the amount of qualified applicants and the amount of funds available in the applicable year's approved budget.
    c. Marching Band Camp Scholarships typically range from $25.00 - $135.00 and are adjusted yearly based on the cost of Marching Band Camp and availability of budgeted funds.
    d. Marching Band Camp Scholarships do not include cleaning fees, shirts, shoes, or any specialty items. ELBOPA volunteers, in conjunction with the Director of Bands, coordinate an exchange program for shirts, shoes, and some specialty items.

3. **Scholarship Award Criteria**
    a. Application for this scholarship award is open to any current/entering student of East Lansing High School who is registered for band or orchestra for the coming year and is planning to participate in Marching Band.
    b. Demonstrated financial need (Example: Free or Reduced Lunch Program).
    c. Student must be in good academic standing for the current year (Subject to the Director and Executive Board).
    d. Student shall have no suspensions, expulsions or violations with the East Lansing High School Code of Conduct (page 39 of 2012- 2013 Student Handbook) within the past year.
    e. Letter of Recommendation from the student's Music Instructor for 8th Grade Students transferring from outside East Lansing Public Schools.

f. Active participation from students and parents in fundraising efforts for the students account.
g. Active participation from students and parents in four (4) volunteer activities/events throughout the year.
h. Students have NO unexcused absences from practice or performances.

4. **ELBOPA Marching Band Camp Scholarship Policy Administration**
   a. The Marching Band Camp Scholarship Policy and Application Form are available on the ELBOPA Website. The Director of Bands and MacDonald MS Band Director also have copies of the Marching Band Camp Scholarship Policy and Application Form.
   b. Information on the availability of Marching Band Camp Scholarships is also communicated to all qualified students in the ELHS Marching Band Camp registration packet that is provided to families in the spring of each school year.

5. **Procedure**
   a. Read through this information thoroughly.
   b. Fill out and sign the Scholarship Application and the Scholarship Agreement forms and return them to the Director of Bands by April 15, 2013.
   c. Director of Bands reviews and approves applications based on demonstrated need.
   d. Director of Bands selects awardees based on approved budgeted ELBOPA Marching Band Camp Scholarship funds.
   e. Director of Bands verifies availability of funds for tentatively selected Marching Band Camp scholarship awardees with the Marching Band Camp Coordinator and the ELBOPA Treasurer.
   f. Director of Bands notifies students/guardian of selection and amount of scholarship.
   g. Documents used to determine scholarship need are destroyed following the award of Marching Band Camp scholarships.

ELBOPA Scholarship Policy Statement: *While ELBOPA strives to promote instrumental music education and performances in the East Lansing community, we recognize that a financial need can arise. ELBOPA assists with Marching Band Camp scholarships based on funds available. In turn, ELBOPA requires students and parents to engage in fundraising and volunteer events that support the ELHS instrumental music program. This involvement can be done by the parents, student, or both.*

Confidentiality Statement: All information regarding financial circumstances is read only by the Director of Bands and will be held in strictest confidence. No financial information is shared or accessible to the ELBOPA Board or Directors or other party.