

August, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam;

In order to foster the life-long enjoyment of making music, the Durham Community Concert Band (DCCB) announces the opportunity for a deserving Durham area high school band student to earn a summer band camp scholarship. The scholarship will contribute up to \$350 toward summer band camp fees. This scholarship will be paid directly to the camp on the student's behalf. (Note: this amount is based upon 2008 tuition estimates. It may be increased based on 2009 information.)

To qualify for the scholarship opportunity, the student will have:

- * a strong letter of recommendation from his or her high school band director
- * completed 9th, 10th, or 11th grade
- * submitted a completed application to the DCCB director
- * shown a level of musicianship consistent with playing grade level 4 or 5 band material
- * shown commitment to the DCCB by attending the rehearsals for, and playing in, a major concert with the band.

Playing with the DCCB will provide the opportunity to interact with, and learn from, adult musicians who play for the sheer joy of making music. Meeting and playing with non-professional musicians with a wide variety of life experiences will offer perspective on the real world of balancing careers and making music. The experience with DCCB will enhance ongoing instruction from the student's band director and private teacher. To facilitate and enhance this experience, the band will assign a section mentor to assist and encourage the student.

Information about the band, its goals, schedules, and membership, can be obtained by visiting the band website at "www.durhamband.org" or calling Tom Shaffer, director, at 489-1051 (home); 417-1827 (cell); or email to Tom at "purebrass@att.net".

The scholarship application can be downloaded from the band website. The application should be returned to Mr. Tom Shaffer at the first rehearsal attended in early September to prepare for the fall concert, or early January to prepare for the spring concert. **The completed application may be mailed to "Durham Community Concert Band, P.O. Box 52133, Durham,N.C., 27717-2133.**

The band always welcomes interested musicians no matter the instrument, or the age of the musician. Rehearsals are on Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Durham Arts Council in downtown Durham.

Sincerely,

The DCCB Scholarship Committee