

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 21, 2017
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"The entire Scholarship process has changed in the last year. We used to award scholarship money at Homecoming. That was extremely stressful for not only M2AB, but the M2 kids because Homecoming weekend is already so jam-packed with activities. Last year we decided to award scholarship money to the recipients at the December band banquet. As a result, the entire timeline was pushed forward. Honestly, it has been a tremendous improvement.

So -- typically the timing of events:

Scholarship application becomes available online after school starts. Sometime around mid-September. I would also email a copy to the Band Director (whom is someone new again) so they could make paper copies available to the M2 kids

Deadline for Scholarship application should be sometime in early November.

In-person interviews scheduled on a Sunday of a home football game (so kids are typically in town) at Loeb. The deadline for the application will coincide with the date selected for interviews. You want to have approx. 1 week to 10 days to review the applications before interviews.

Interviews are scheduled in 20 minute spots.

Recipients are selected but not notified until presentation at the Band banquet in December.

Lew Keathley, one of our Board members (at least he used to be on the Board), has helped get the application designed to be uploaded online to the M2AB website.

The perimeters of the award amounts -- the Kansas City Mizzou Alumni Association sponsors \$2,500 in Scholarship money. M2AB typically raises approx. \$2200-\$2500 for use as Scholarship money. The M2AB amount varies year-to-year, based on donations from Band Alumni.

Last year, we awarded 4 total band kids with money. Two split the KC Scholarship to get \$1250 each, and two kids split what M2AB raised, which was \$1238 each.

A little history: The Scholarship Chairman prior to me felt that giving a LOT of kids a LITTLE amount of money was a good idea. So you'd see 15 kids get \$100-\$200 each. He felt that it was better that way so they could buy a textbook or something. Personally, I disagreed with that logic. I wanted to be able to award money to genuinely help the M2 student in a significant way. The M2AB Board agreed; and as a result we give money to fewer kids but give them over \$1000 each.

I have a M2AB recognition certificate I typed up and have been presenting, along with a letter and a check to each recipient. If you guys like the format, please feel free to continue using. If you have an improvement or something different you prefer, by all means, I will not be offended by a change.

Hopefully all the above information is both helpful, informative, and reassuring to everyone that we are not "behind", or lacking taking some action necessary immediately."