

MATT'S MUSIC MEMORIAL



What We do...

We loan new and refurbished instruments to local students who wish to participate in their school's music programs.

We work with band directors and parents in our community in order to give students an opportunity to participate, when they may otherwise be unable to do so.

Why we do it....

The Matthew Lee Alexander Memorial Foundation was created in memory of Army Cpl. Matthew Lee Alexander after his death in Baqubah, Iraq on May 6, 2007.

We know that Matthew would want others to have the opportunity to experience the personal growth and enjoyment he found in his band experiences.

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Matt's Music Memorial, FAQ for Parents

Who qualifies for our program?

We consider anyone in need. We do not ask you to submit personal financial information, only answer a handful of questions that help us with applying for grants.

What if we don't currently work with your child's school?

If we don't currently work with your child's school we would be happy to contact your child's instructor on your behalf to try and get an agreement set up. It is also helpful if you let your child's instructor know that you have an interest in our program.

Will you need to re-apply every year?

No. Once you are a part of our program the only reason you would need to re-apply is because your child changes instruments or schools.

What do we provide to our students?

We will provide an instrument of your child's choice to your family, rent free, for as long as your child is in band and in an approved school. We do not provide accessories for any instruments (reeds, cork grease, valve oil, mute's, etc.) or help with any other costs that result from you school's instrumental music program.

If your child is accepted, what will their responsibilities be?

We expect that any child in our program will keep track of our instrument, clean and maintain it, and keep us and their band instructor updated on any repairs it might need.

If your child is accepted, what will your responsibilities as a parent be?

You are responsible for checking in on your child's responsibilities, keeping your contact information updated with us, letting us know about any problems, and repairing any damage to our instrument resulting from negligence.

Who pays for repairs?

We will pay for any normal wear and tear on our instrument. Yearly cleanings, pads and corks, and minor dent removal are all a part of our budget. You are responsible for any damage beyond that. All repairs must be made at a shop approved by us.

How long does it take to get repairs done?

Generally, instruments are through the shop in 10-14 days, but turnaround times can be longer depending on the time of the year, the work needed, and how busy the shop is.

What if I have other questions?

For other questions or to check the status of an application, please contact Kara Alexander at (402) 670-1806 or mattsmusicmemorial@gmail.com

Matt's Music Memorial Instrument Application

Student Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Student DOB _____ Age _____ M F

Address _____

Evening Phone Number _____ Home Business Cell

School _____ Grade _____

Instrument _____ Instructor _____

By signing this application, we hereby acknowledge that we are responsible for day-to-day maintenance of any instrument issued to our family. We pledge to repair or replace any instrument that has damage which resulted from negligence. We agree to keep Matt's Music Memorial informed of any changes to the above contact information and notify them of any issues or concerns regarding the instrument in our possession. When the above-named student is no longer active in an approved band program, we agree to promptly return the instrument to Matt's Music Memorial.

Student

Parent/Guardian

Essay

Please provide a legibly written or typed response to one or more of the following questions using at least 100 words:

Why did you pick your instrument?

Why do you want to study instrumental music?

How has music influenced your life?

When completed, please return this page with your essay to Matt's Music Memorial at the address below. We begin processing applications for the new school year during the month of June and accept them year-round, first-come first-served, based on our current inventory. Please allow two weeks for approval or denial, and additional time to get an instrument through the shop if needed. For questions or to check the status of your application please contact Matt's Music Memorial, not your instructor. Thank you.

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