

## APPLICATION

### **Mario Giangola Memorial Music Scholarship**

**PO Box 409  
Flanders, NJ 07836**

*A \$750 scholarship to be awarded to a graduating high school senior who excels in instrumental music and who demonstrates ongoing community service*

Mario Giangola was born on November 11, 1927 in Philadelphia, PA and died on March 18, 2019 in Hackettstown, NJ.

A 1945 graduate of West Philadelphia H.S., Mario was drafted into the Army in 1945; he entered the U.S. Army Band School in Petersburg, VA, and then deployed to Germany as an Infantryman and served until his Honorable Discharge in 1946. Mario was a gifted trumpet player who learned to play at the age of 11 and continued to play into his 90s. He served in the Glenn Miller Orchestra during his military deployment and later performed with local swing bands where he lived, often for charitable causes. Mario was dedicated to his community and served as a leader and volunteer. A lifetime member of the LIONS Club, he worked countless hours on fund-raisers and projects. He was a founder of the Closter Blood Bank and a Charter Member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mario was friendly, funny, and always entertaining. His integrity, deep sense of family, and endless curiosity in learning new things led all those who knew him to remember him well.

After his death, Mario's family established this scholarship to continue his encouragement of young people in their pursuit of music and to honor his volunteer spirit. This scholarship will ensure that he will be remembered for his many talents and his commitment to service. Scholarship applications are available to eligible students from six high schools in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey that are relevant to Mario's life, including his Alma Mater, those of his children and grandchildren, and near his residence.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please complete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4 and submit at the same time via email to [MGMMScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:MGMMScholarship@gmail.com) no later than May 1, 2020. Please read the directions for each part of the Application very carefully. You will be submitting multiple .pdf files in one email to the Scholarship Committee: Part 1 (Applicant Information); Part 2 (Essay); Part 3 (YouTube link); and Part 4 (Two Letters of Recommendation). Detailed instructions for each part of the Application are below.

Note that incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Each student may submit only one application.

Those applicants scoring highest on Parts 2 and 3 combined, and meeting all other requirements, will be contacted for an online interview. Should you be selected for an interview, you will be contacted via email to arrange a date and time for the interview, to take place prior to May 15, 2020. You will need access to a computer with audio/visual capability and a good internet connection, to access a link/dial-in (such as Zoom) using instructions that will be provided.

### **PART 1 (Applicant Information)**

Please complete the form on page 4, save it as a .pdf file named 'YourlastnamePart1' (for example: SmithPart1), and submit in one email to [MGMMScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:MGMMScholarship@gmail.com) along with the other parts of your application, no later than May 1, 2020.

### **PART 2 (Essay 300-500 words)**

Please tell the Scholarship Committee why you believe you should receive this scholarship. Consider using an anecdote to illustrate how music and volunteerism impact you and your plans to continue playing and volunteering after you graduate.

Please adhere to APA or MLA style guides for your submission, and use Times New Roman 12 point font, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins. Handwritten documents are not acceptable. Please type your essay, save it as a .pdf file named "YourlastnamePart2" (for example: SmithPart2), and submit it in the same email as other parts of the application.

Your essay will be evaluated for specificity, organization, completeness of the response, and correct use of standard written English.

☐ **PART 3 (Musical Performance 3-5 minutes)**

Please submit an audio/video audition of your instrumental performance via YouTube.

- If you don't have a YouTube account, please create one by going to <http://www.youtube.com>. Click on "sign in" in the upper right hand corner and follow the directions to create an account.
- Please use "YourlastnamePart3" (for example: SmithPart3) as the title of your video.
- Upload your video, following the instructions provided on YouTube.
- Under the video settings, be sure to choose "unlisted," for copyright and privacy concerns.

Once your performance video has been uploaded to YouTube, and you have checked that the URL/link works, copy and paste the URL/link of your video and email it to [MGMMScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:MGMMScholarship@gmail.com), along with all the other parts of your application, no later than May 1, 2020.

Your performance will be evaluated for level of difficulty, dynamics, rhythm & tempo, timbre, and accuracy.

☐ **PART 4 (2 Letters of Recommendation)**

Please include two letters of recommendation from faculty members or mentors who are familiar with your dedication to music and/or your ongoing community service.

Applicants can provide these letters in one of three ways:

- 1) From the Applicant: obtain the letters, which must include current contact information for the writers, scan the documents, and submit them as a .pdf file named "YourlastnamePart4" (for example: SmithPart4), in the same email as the other parts of the application, no later than May 1, 2020.

*OR*

- 2) From the Writer: provide the [MGMMScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:MGMMScholarship@gmail.com) email address to the faculty member or mentor from whom you are requesting a letter of recommendation, with the requirement that their letter, in the form of a .pdf file named "YourlastnamePart4" (for example: SmithPart4), and containing their current contact information, must reach the scholarship committee no later than May 1, 2020.

*OR*

- 3) From Guidance Counselor/Advisor: Ask your Guidance Counselor or Advisor to submit the letters of recommendation. The Guidance Counselor/Advisor will submit a .pdf file named "YourlastnamePart4" (for example: SmithPart4) to the [MGMMScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:MGMMScholarship@gmail.com) email address using his/her school email address, for receipt no later than May 1, 2020.

**PART 1: Applicant Information**

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Advisor/Guidance Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instrument played for this scholarship audition:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years playing this instrument:** \_\_\_\_\_