



## Tri- County Beard & Mustache Society

### Initial Application

Hello there! We appreciate your interest in our program! We provide musical needs to a limited number of youth that qualify in Madison, Henry, and Hancock counties. Whether you are interested in music lessons, repair, or needing a band or stringed instrument, you are on the right path!

Step 1: Ask your parent(s) permission to participate, and review this paper together!

Step 2: You will also have to currently carry a 'C' or above grade average, which means you will need to provide the most current grade and/or progress report available to you.

Step 3: You must submit a minimum 500 word, typed essay, about one of the following topics and styles of your choice:

1. The importance of music; to you or in general.
2. The reasons you feel music should continue to be taught in school.
3. A Reflective Essay: Most people have been exposed to music throughout their lives, whether by listening to music or by playing their own instrument. Choose a defining moment in your life that was affected by music and describe how it has changed your life.
4. A Comparative Essay: Music varies greatly. Pick two narrow topics, and compare and contrast. Example topics: two instrument comparisons, two musician comparisons or a then vs. now, music genre and style comparisons, cultural differences in music, etc.
5. A Persuasive Essay: It's easy enough to find someone who loves (or strongly dislikes) a certain genre of music, but there are a lot of other argumentative topics that make great music essays, including but not limited to: age to start music appreciation, censorship, piracy, illegal downloading, the impact of music on criminality, etc.

Step 4: Fill out the attached information sheet.

Step 5: Have your parent sign below as confirmation that they have read the above information with you, approve of participation in our program if selected to receive assistance, and grant permission to Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society to have access to students grades/report cards at their school as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Step 6: Mail your essay, this signed paper with information sheet filled out, and copy of latest report card to: Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society, 334 W. 6<sup>th</sup>, Lapel, IN 46051, **OR** submit application via email to: tricountybms@yahoo.com. We will take it from there! At our next monthly meeting, board members will review application and essay, verify information, and let you know as soon as possible if you will be a recipient of an award for musical needs from Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society! Please remember we can only help a limited number of students a year! Good luck!

## Information Sheet

I am applying for:

Instrument/Gear   Lessons   Repair   Other: please specify \_\_\_\_\_

What type of instrument/gear, lessons, or repair are you interested in? Please specify below.

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of Parent and/or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Student: Please initial if you agree to the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that by applying for aid for musical needs, I am not guaranteed to be selected. I also understand that Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society can only help a limited number of students each year from each of the three counties they assist.

\_\_\_\_\_ If I am selected for aid, I understand that I must comply with the conditions of the lease provided by Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society.

**Parent/Guardian: Please initial if you agree to the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that by my child applying for aid for musical needs, he/she is not guaranteed to be selected. I also understand that Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society can only help a limited number of students each year from each of the three counties they assist.

\_\_\_\_\_ If my child is selected for aid, I understand that my student and I must comply with the conditions of the lease provided by Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to allow a member of Tri-County Beard & Mustache Society verify with the school the status of the applicants grades/report cards.

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_