The Robert C.J. Traub Memorial Scholarship Travel Fund

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A Message to Students and Families

The Traub Scholarship has been a cherished part of the Bloomfield Hills Schools’ culture for more than 50 years. It began with a generous gift from Elizabeth Taylor Traub as a way to honor her husband, Robert C. J. Traub, and his great love of art and music. She stipulated that the funds were to be held in trust and continue in perpetuity. Over 100 students have received the scholarship since its inception.

Traub Scholarship funds are awarded annually and divided equally among an art and music recipient from Bloomfield Hills High School. This wonderful gift enables recipients to travel abroad and experience the rich culture and deep history of European countries where art and music were virtually born. Past recipients have shared that they return with a deeper and more meaningful appreciation of their field of interest.

We’re grateful to Elizabeth Taylor Traub for her generosity in establishing the scholarship as a way of recognizing the aspiring artists and musicians in our high school. It is a fitting tribute to her that her granddaughter, Lucy Bates, has sustained the scholarship through the years and made sure that the Traub legacy continues into the 21st Century. All of us in Bloomfield Hills Schools look forward to this annual celebration of the arts and are enriched and inspired by our very talented students and their work.

Sincerely,

Pat Watson
Superintendent

Purpose

The purpose of the Traub Scholarship is to enable students of good character who show special proficiency or promise of achievement in art or music to enjoy a trip abroad following graduation from high school and before entering college. The intent of the scholarship is to contribute to the cultural enrichment of the recipients and not necessarily to advance their technical education in art or music.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have Senior status and qualify for graduation in June of the current school year.
- Students must have a 2.0 overall GPA.

Application

Eligible students may pick up a scholarship application from the counseling secretary around February 1 of each school year. The due date will be determined by the counseling office and given to the students.

Criteria for Selection

- Demonstrate ability and/or potential in the field of art or music (a student may apply for both).
- Complete an essay of what they hope to visit and accomplish on their trip abroad.
- Submit a resume of past accomplishments, achievements and education in their chosen field.
- Demonstrate character, responsibility and sharing of talent with the high school community.
- Show their intent for further development of their talent.
- Show proof of grade point average.

Adjudication

The Adjudication Committee is comprised of art and music staff from the high school, the Traub Coordinator and up to three guest adjudicators chosen by the representative of the Traub family. The Committee will interview each student about their field, intentions and expectations or to clarify the content of their written application or presentation.

Art applicants will prepare a one-person show representing the best of their work for exhibit and plan how best to display it. Film slides of completed work may be substituted when original work is not available.

Music applicants will give a 10 minute performance with vocal or instrumental selections of their choice.

Selection of Recipients & Award of Scholarship

Traub Scholarship recipients are announced at a special assembly as soon as possible after completion of the adjudication. The initial scholarship payment can be in the range of $1,000 to $2,000 and will be mailed to the selected students before the end of the school year, less $100. The balance of $100 is paid when the students return from their trip, complete a final essay about their travels and submit it to the Superintendent of Bloomfield Hills Schools. The essay and a final expense report are forwarded to the trustee of the scholarship fund.

Additionally, the Traub art recipient is required to donate a representative piece of artwork to the district’s Central Administration office for permanent display. Music scholarship recipients will be requested to perform at a school and/or district function.

Requests to postpone the trip will be considered only for the following reasons:

1. Illness of the winner
2. Death in the winner’s immediate family
3. U.S. State Department travel warnings issued for Europe

If the scholarship recipient does not meet any of the exceptions for postponed travel, the award will go to the student selected as an alternate.

In the event that the Adjudication Committee determines that none of the applicants meet the criteria and choose not to award the scholarship, the funds will remain with the Trust.