

The Hank and Arlene Wintczak Memorial Internships

The Fox Valley Concert Band is pleased to announce the Hank and Arlene Wintczak Internships in memory of founding members and section leaders, Hank and Arlene Wintczak.

Goals of the Internship Program:

- ◆ Give young aspiring players the experience of playing in a serious adult wind band, experience in preparing a challenging concert program in as few as four to eight rehearsals, and learning rehearsal awareness while playing among mature musicians many of whom have music degrees and decades of playing experience.
- ◆ Promote enrichment of musical learning in a high school or college program by extra experiences beyond school and our concerts such as private lessons, music camps, master classes, concerts in various venues, etc.
- ◆ To promote to young musicians that musical performance can be pursued as a lifelong passion even if it does not end up being their chosen vocation.

Details:

- ◆ Internship stipend is to be used for music expenses: private lessons, music camp, college tuition as a music major, master class, purchase of a band instrument, etc. Payment of the award will be made to the intern's chosen activity/school/provider by FVCB treasurer directly.
- ◆ Winners will rehearse and perform with the Fox Valley Concert Band for a full concert cycle. They may also be required to fulfill other minor administrative or support roles with the band.
- ◆ Winners may be included as featured soloists on concerts at the conductor's discretion.
- ◆ Eligibility criteria must be met to receive the award. Awards are renewable at the conductor's discretion.
- ◆ Application must have the signature of high school or college band director, private teacher (if any) and parent(s).
- ◆ Award periods will be **Sep to Nov, Jan to Mar, Mar to May, May to July**.
- ◆ Up to two winners may be named per award period.
- ◆ Winners must agree not to miss more than one Tuesday evening rehearsal communicated in advance (no rehearsal absence is permitted in a cycle with six rehearsals or less) but the final rehearsal before the Norris Center concert is mandatory, and winner must play the Norris Center concert at the conclusion of their award period. If there are additional FVCB concerts during the award period this will be discussed and agreed upon **BEFORE** the audition. Award is also contingent on attendance, professional behavior, playing standards and appearance at concert(s).

Eligibility:

- ◆ Preferred applicant is at least a high school sophomore through undergraduate. The conductor may consider mature younger students or applicants older than 22 years of age on a case by case basis.
- ◆ Preferred applicant must be participating in a high school music program or be a college music major or music minor.
- ◆ Applicant must have a high level of musicianship and musical maturity.
- ◆ Applicant/Award Winner must agree to rehearsal and performance dates and attendance requirements.
- ◆ Applicant must complete a successfully audition at the agreed date/time.

Auditions:

- ◆ Arrange an audition appointment with the conductor of the Fox Valley Concert Band.
- ◆ Audition will be approximately 10 minutes in length and will include this year's IMEA senior scale sheets. The scale sheets can be downloaded from <http://www.ilmea.org/divisions/band/scale-sheets/> (pdf file). Please bring a copy for your instrument, and prepare a brief excerpt or exercise that displays the best you can play with excellence. Certain instruments may require you perform a particular prepared excerpt (discuss with conductor).
- ◆ Audition process and award will be administered by the conductor of the Fox Valley Concert Band and the section leader will be present.

Application:

- ◆ Application is due no later than the 25th of the month prior to the start of a concert cycle. Applications submitted may be withdrawn by contacting the conductor. Refund of the application fee is at the discretion of the conductor.

About the Fox Valley Concert Band:

The Fox Valley Concert Band was founded in St. Charles Illinois in 1983 and is a 75-piece (+/-) non-profit adult concert band dedicated to excellence in wind band performance. We offer our Norris Center concerts to the public free of charge and we play several other concerts around the area each year. The Fox Valley Concert Band is supported in part by the Illinois Arts Council/National Endowment for the Arts, the St. Charles Cultural Commission, and the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley as well as many corporate and private sponsors. The band rehearses Tuesday evenings in the Tri-Cities Area of Illinois. More information about the FVCB can be found on our website at www.fvcb.org.

