



## 2023 MAIN Scholarship Program

The Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network is proud to present a scholarship program to those performers who wish to continue their pursuit of academic excellence. In 2023, MAIN will be offering several scholarships. Any member unit is invited to select one participant to apply for these scholarships. The unit must be a member of the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network in good standing. Participants must be high school seniors, or students enrolled at an Institution of higher learning. A scholarship committee composed of unit directors and instructors will review each application and select those candidates who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities, and personal achievements.

### CHARLIE WEIR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

On January 9<sup>th</sup> 2015, MAIN lost Charles J. Weir who was an original member of the MAIN executive board. As a young man he was a member of Townsmen and Royal Brigade Drum & Bugle Corps and the financial manager of the Pegasus Winter Guard. As a member of the executive board of MAIN, he took on many roles, was a guiding force to the guards, their instructors and directors, but also the organization of the yearly championship show. There would be many a night prior to championships that you would find Charlie, his family and members of the Pegasus organization assembling the many trophies, selecting pictures for the championship year book, as well as any other task needed to have a successful event. Charlie always made sure the guard members had their opportunity to shine. Charlie left too soon but definitely made the world a better place.

Because Charlie loved the activity so much, the family has established a scholarship in Charlie's memory, the Charles J. Weir Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is in dedication to his loyalty and commitment to the activity and to the development of all performers within the activity.



## VIRGINIA KRAFT SCHOLARSHIP FOR LEADERS

The Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network would like to honor one of the most influential and dedicated founders of our circuit. Virginia Kraft is one of the founders of MAIN and has helped the organization grow and thrive for over 25 years. Ginny is an amazing leader and fierce competitor. She consistently leads by example and is well respected in the color guard community. It is not only Ginny's tremendous success that makes her so well respected. It is her dedication to her students and to the organization that has provided us all an opportunity to grow and compete on levels that were previously unavailable to color guards in our region. Her immense love of the activity and leadership is inspiring to us all.

## MAIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network was formed by a group of guard directors and instructors concerned with the future of the activity. The number one goal of MAIN is to strengthen our area color guard programs through community support, qualified adjudication and up-to-date education. The MAIN Executive Board offers a scholarship to continue the support of growth of our students.

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The MAIN Scholarship Committee has presented the following guidelines regarding the application process:

1. The recipient must be a high school senior or already attending an institution of higher learning.
2. The recipient must be an active marching member of a unit in good standing in MAIN. Each unit may submit only **one** nominee.



3. MAIN will award scholarship(s), to be paid directly to the recipient who should use the award for educational purposes.
4. The recipients will be chosen by the MAIN Scholarship Committee which is composed of unit directors and instructors.
5. The awards will be announced at MAIN Championships and on social media platforms (Facebook and Instagram).

**Unit directors should submit applications electronically to MAIN at [maincolorguards@gmail.com](mailto:maincolorguards@gmail.com) by April 7.**



# 2023 MAIN Scholarship Application Form

## ***PERSONAL INFORMATION:***

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## ***EDUCATION:***

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College or School you wish to attend next Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

College/Trade School (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (If Applicable):  
\_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Worked Weekly: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***UNIT INFORMATION:***

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Yrs as a Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Position?: \_\_\_\_\_



***ANSWER THE FOLLOWING: (Attach separate sheets)***

Include a list of all Extra-Curricular activities and any leadership positions you may have in these activities. Also include any awards you may have been presented with.

***ESSAY:***

Describe how you have used the lessons you've learned through your involvement in the activity to help you overcome an obstacle, situation, or event that you found particularly difficult to handle.

Essay must be a minimum of two (2) pages and maximum of five (5) pages. Essay should be typed using a 12pt font type and paragraphs should be double spaced. Please do not include your name on any paperwork other than this application.

***I certify that the above and enclosed information is complete and true.***

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***I have reviewed the above information and recommend this individual for one of the scholarships described above:***

Unit Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Digital signature acceptable.*

**PLEASE ENCLOSE:**

**List of Extra-Curricular Activities**

**Essay (12pt font, double spaced)**

**Unofficial Transcript**

**Two Letters of Recommendation (One from unit director, one from another individual)**

**Two Photos (Facial or guard photograph to be used for website/social media purposes)**