



LAKE AGASSIZ
WIND SYMPHONY

It has been a long-standing mission of the Lake Agassiz Wind Symphony to promote music education throughout the Fargo-Moorhead region. Now that the school year is underway, we are thrilled to announce the Allegro Grant application is open for submissions.

Our student-led initiative is aimed at enhancing the educational experience of young musicians. Focusing on middle, junior, and high school band programs, this fund is intended to provide a one-time gift of \$1000 for any project, programming, or improvement needs necessary to your band program. This can be anything from a field trip to hear the Minnesota Orchestra, equipment for the band program, the stipend for a guest musician or clinician, or simply the maintenance of existing equipment. We encourage programs to be creative in their applications and apply for a need that will truly enhance their program that may otherwise not be met.

Grant Qualifications:

- Must be a middle, junior, or high school band program (Public or Private).
- Must be located in one of the following counties
 - o Minnesota: Becker, Clay Mahnomen, Norman, Otter Tail, Polk, and Wilkin
 - o North Dakota: Barnes, Cass, Dickey, Grand Forks, Griggs, La Moure, Lakota, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Traill
- Students must be involved in the application process.
- Funds must be spent or allocated within one year of award.
- Grantees must be present to receive the award at LAWS's concert on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Field Trip expenses for the entire group to attend (up to \$500) will be provided, if necessary.

Application Process and Schedule:

- Each group must create a 2 to 4-minute video that demonstrates and explains their program's specific need. We strongly encourage students to lead or be heavily involved in this process.
- Instructors of the program need to submit a basic cover letter to lay out funding needs and the intended use of funds.
- Videos must be submitted via YouTube or Vimeo.
- Cover letters, along with a link to your video, must be submitted via email to: lakeagassizwindsymphony@gmail.com before midnight on Friday, February 14, 2025.
- The chosen program will be notified by February 21, 2025. We would like the group receiving the award to be present for the award ceremony at our March 8 concert (7:30 pm at Horizon Performing Arts Center).
- If selected, the band program must submit a report outlining use and impact of funds before February 21, 2026 (one year). Any questions should be directed to lakeagassizwindsymphony@gmail.com.