

Paul Camicata Memorial Scholarship Award

presented by the East Rochester Rotary Club

Biography

Paul Camicata was a beloved music teacher in the Rush Henrietta School District for 35 years. Mr “C” was known for being tough but fair and was deeply impacted by his students’ passion and dedication, not only to music, but also to those around them. He had high expectations for his students, but regardless of ability, what inspired him the most were students who were working to their fullest potential and showed integrity, strong character and generosity towards others. Above all he valued collaboration and teamwork. These qualities were deeply rooted by his family values, his love of music and his community service. Paul was a lifetime resident of East Rochester and a dedicated member of various organizations in the village. He led St Jerome’s choir for many years until his death in 2016. Back in the 1970’s he led the East Rochester High School “Sing Out”, which was launched by Mary Connors. He was a very active member in the East Rochester Rotary Club and a multiple Paul Harris fellow.

This memorial scholarship is dedicated to “C’s” love for his students and to those that exemplify integrity, collaboration, fairness and generosity inside and outside the classroom.

Nominations

Mr “C” was also known for being humble. If you know someone that should be considered for this scholarship, but may not apply on their own, please feel free to send a nomination to the Counseling Center and they will reach out directly with an application. All nominations will be confidential.

Requirements

The graduating senior receiving this scholarship will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Demonstration of outstanding participation in music for a minimum of one year as well as extraordinary contributions to the music program and service to community.
- Admirable academic achievement
- A person that exemplifies Mr “C’s” profound impact on his students through his or her qualities of integrity, fairness, generosity and collaboration both inside and outside of the classroom.

Applicants must provide

- Completed Application
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation - one from an East Rochester music faculty member as well as a letter from one additional faculty/staff member or fellow student.

Deadline

This application, personal statement and letters of recommendation must be RECEIVED by the Counseling Center no later than Friday, April 29th.

Award Winner

Rotary would like to have the award winner, and their parents, join us at a Rotary meeting and share the evening.

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General Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Future Plans

List your post HS graduation plans (college, military, work, etc.)

If attending college, intended major _____

Music Department and/or Community Involvement (use additional sheet if necessary)

List your music or community service related participation and/or awards during HS

Personal Statement

Choose one of the following questions to answer using any creative medium you would like (i.e. essay, music, video or other). Include how this scholarship money will help you enrich your educational and/or life experiences moving forward.

1. Choose a person you admire that exemplifies the traits of integrity, collaboration, fairness and generosity. How have they influenced you as a person and how do you feel you will integrate these qualities into your life moving forward?
2. Describe what holds the most value to you regarding music and why you feel it is important in school and in life. You may choose a piece of music, musical artist/composer or song that has impacted the way you view life today or talk about how your experience and education with music has impacted your life.

Letters of Recommendation

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a music faculty member of East Rochester High School as well as one additional faculty/staff member or fellow student. The contents should include specific examples of how the applicant meets the requirements of this award. Contact information for the author of the letters also needs to be included.

Deadline

This application, personal statement and both letters of recommendation should be turned in to the Guidance Office.