

## **HISTORY OF THE IOWA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION MAJOR LANDERS SCHOLARSHIP**

In memory of Major George W. Landers, a memorial scholarship was established, sponsored and maintained by the Iowa Bandmaster Association. The scholarship is designed to help a promising Iowa high school senior to meet his/her financial needs in preparing for a career in band music education at an Iowa college or university. The first Major Landers scholarship was awarded to Harvey Solberger in 1956.

Each of the six districts in Iowa hold preliminary auditions to choose a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in each district will go on to audition for the state Major Landers scholarship competition. The state scholarship competition is held on the Friday of the annual Iowa Bandmasters Conference. The conference is held in May at the Hotel Ft Des Moines in Des Moines.

Both the district and the state auditions include a solo performance, sight reading session, a theory test and an interview. Band directors from around the state are chosen to listen to the candidates and choose the finalists.

The first place winner in each district must be available to participate in the state IBA Major Landers finals scholarship competition. If they are unable to participate the district's 2<sup>nd</sup> place final will represent the district. The district will pay mileage for the round trip to Des Moines and \$10.00 to be used at the discretion of the winning candidate.

The state IBA Major Landers scholarship amounts are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$2000

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$1500

3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> place finalists - \$1000

In addition to the scholarship, the winner will perform at the IBA banquet on the Friday evening of the scholarship competition.

Potential candidates should check with their band director for information about audition dates and guidelines for each district.

If you need further information, please contact the state Major Landers scholarship chair:

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