

# **Performing Arts Initiative for Students of Color**

## *Drum Corps Leadership and Scholarship Program*

### **Description:**

PAISOC aims to promote diversity through scholarship and programming. The Drum Corps Leadership and Scholarship program seeks to recognize current and future student leaders of color in the marching arts and broader performing arts world.

Our goal is to first provide mentorship to recipients that allows them to learn and discuss how to become and stand out as positive role-models and leaders in drum corps and beyond. This includes a series of online meetings with our board members before, during, and after the drum corps season.

Second, we aim to provide up to \$1000 in scholarships towards drum corps tuition.

Lastly, members of our program are asked to be ambassadors of PAISOC, meaning that they will positively represent and advocate our efforts to promote diversity in the performing arts.

### **Criteria:**

- Applicants must be students of color (e.g. Black, Latinx, Asian-American, Pacific Islander, Native American, etc.)
- Applicants must be contracted to march with a Drum Corps International (DCI) or Drum Corps Associates (DCA) member organization to receive the scholarship (which will be verified by a member of the board).
- Applicants must be 16 to 22 years of age.
- Applications must be willing to meet with members of the Board of Directors for leadership training before, briefly during, and after the performing season.

### **Requirements:**

Everyone must complete their application on google forms in full. Please note the minimum word requirements (200 words) on some short answer questions. We suggest downloading a copy of the application on our website ([paisoc.org](http://paisoc.org)), and then copy and paste into the google form when you're ready to submit. Sorry that we don't have an online application portal, but we want to save the money to give it away instead.

### **Deadline**

January 17, 2020, 11:59 pm.

Notification for awards will be no later than February 21, 2020.

**Please contact [scholarships@paisoc.org](mailto:scholarships@paisoc.org) with any questions, or message us on Facebook!**

## **Section 1: General Information**

*On the application form, there will be a brief section to fill in general information about yourself and your marching plans. Please allow ten minutes to fill this in prior to submitting your short answers.*

## **Section 2: Short Answer Questions**

*On this portion of the application, you will be asked to answer four (4) short answer questions. We strongly recommend that you work on these questions in your own Word file, and then copy and paste into the Google form when you are ready to submit. This will allow you to save your work and come back to it. Please note that the first three (3) questions have a minimum requirement of 200 words per answer.*

1. How has diversity played a role in your participation in the performing arts?\*
2. Describe someone in your life who exemplifies great leadership characteristics.\*
3. What are your future educational or career goals? How does participating in drum corps help you reach these goals?\*
4. Is there any additional information that you would like to add?

\*required

Application form: <https://forms.gle/33B9hsJWZUEmvsoq8>