Michelle Owens Memorial Scholarship

Michelle Owens loved the pageantry arts and was involved in it since she was a 6th grader at New Hartford High School in New Hartford, NY. She was a color guard member of the Crossmen Drum and Bugle Corps where she marched from 1990 through 1994. After aging out, she later went on to teach several drum corps which included the Crossmen, The Cadets, Troopers and Magic of Orlando.

Her artistry took her to winter guards as well. She was a member of the Field of View winter guard in 1994 and 1995. She began instructing at Field of View as well as Just Class, Salem Blue and several other winter guards. Throughout her teaching years, Michelle gave back tenfold. She worked with numerous high school guards (and middle school beginners) in the NY/NJ/PA/FL/GA areas before settling at Lassiter High School in Marietta, GA, where she was the color guard Director for 14 years.

With her infectious smile, her sweet disposition and high spirited personality, Michelle was loved by all. She instantly brought a light and warmth to all she interacted with. Whether she was performing or teaching, she knew how to do it with a positive attitude, encouraging spirit and genuine heart.

The recipient of this scholarship will embody all the same qualities that Michelle had. A person with a positive, high spirited personality, dedicated, warm, encouraging heart and genuine feel to motivate and give back to anyone they come in contact with.

A Remembrance Tree has been planted in Michelle’s honor in Allentown, PA in the park where the color guards warm up during DCI East. Feel free to take a moment at the tree to reflect on the honor of being chosen as the recipient and know that Michelle will be with you in spirit as you give back to all in attendance.

The $1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a Color Guard Member of a World or Open Class drum corps. It will help pay either current/future tour fees or help pay for college tuition and will be sent directly to the chosen establishment.
Michelle Owens Memorial Scholarship Application

**Personal Data**

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Date of Birth

Age

Email

Are you employed? If so, where and length of time with employer

**Education**

High School

City

State

Year in School

College or Trade School (if applicable)

City and State

Year in School

**Performing Arts Information**

With what corps are you performing?

Color Guard Equipment (rifle, saber, flag)

What other DCI groups have you performed with?

What other groups have you performed with outside of DCI (WGI, school, community, etc.). List names and your involvement as well as any responsibilities you may have had.

Extracurricular activities: include scholastic, recreational and civic including your accomplishments and responsibilities for these activities.
Please answer the following questions (use a separate sheet if necessary).

Why did you join a drum corps? What were your goals? (Instruction, experience, love of the activity, fun, etc.)

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Why are you passionate about Drum Corps? What would you tell others about your experience and why they should become a member?

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What do you think you have contributed to your corps?

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What have you received from drum corps?

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Tell us a little about yourself and how you think you embody the same qualities/characteristics of Michelle.

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I certify that the above information is complete and true.

Applicant Signature ____________________________ Date ______________

I have reviewed the above information and recommend this member for the Michelle Owens Memorial Scholarship.

Corps Director Signature ____________________________ Date ______________

Color Guard Caption Head Signature ____________________________ Date ______________

Please enclose 2 letters of recommendation.

All applications will be reviewed by the family and DCI and will be confidential. If the recipient decides not to continue in drum corps, the money will be returned to the Scholarship Fund. The award will be presented at DCI World Championships in August each year.