



# 2019

## Gary "Chops" Czapinski Memorial Scholarship Information & Application

Entering drum corps as a teenager, Gary "Chops" Czapinski spent his entire life in the marching arts. It has been almost four decades since he and his dear friend, Pete Emmons thrilled the drum corps activity with their innovative and creative visual magic with the Santa Clara Vanguard. To this day, Gary's visionary approach to visual design can be seen in every niche of the world of the marching arts. From the costume-clad characters of "Alice in Wonderland" performed by the Madison Scouts, the use of fabric on the field with a parachute to hide the Seneca Optimists, or the introduction of asymmetric drill design, Gary has been instrumental in the ongoing evolution of the visual art of the drum and bugle corps activity.

Without Gary's nurturing and constant desire to be new, fresh and different, our activity would be very different today. Possibly a little less imaginative, colorful and forward thinking. He is truly one of the master visual "producer/designers" of our time.

Through the end of his life, Czapinski continued to design within the drum corps, band and winter guard arenas, and he lectured on the subject of design at universities and colleges nationwide. He also volunteered countless hours to the training of new judges and supported the drum corps activity which remained the root of his life as an artist.

Gary was inducted to the DCI Hall of Fame in 1999. Gary passed away December 13, 2013. He was 72. Since 2014, the Gary "Chops" Czapinski Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to high school seniors or college students who are members in good standing of a DCI participating Open or World class drum corps.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be presented to the student who intends to teach drum corps, winter guard, or marching band and remain committed to our activity by pursuing a career in music education or the arts.

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DCI will administrate the scholarship and has established the following guidelines:

1. The recipient must be enrolled full time in a college/university degree program by the time the monies are awarded (if applying as a HS senior, student must be enrolled in the fall immediately following DCI season in which award is made).
2. The recipient must attend an accredited college, university, trade school or vocational school in the arts.
3. The recipient must be an active marching member of and Open or World Class drum corps participating in the 2019 DCI Summer Tour.
4. Each nominee must have their corps' director sign off as an endorser.
5. Scholarship(s) granted will be paid by check written to his/her drum corps OR school. Scholarship money may be used by the member to pay current or next season's corps tuition, school tuition, books other activity fees. Any unused scholarship monies, either from the student leaving the education establishment before completing his/her degree or upon the student completing and receiving his/her degree, OR by deciding not to continue in the drum corps activity, will be returned to DCI.
6. Scholarships granted will not be less than \$1000.00 per recipient.
7. The scholarship will be granted for one year only, but recipients may re-apply the next year if he/she remains active with a corps and meets all the other requirements.
8. Selections will be made by the family of Gary Czapinski.
9. The award will be presented at the 2019 Drum Corps International World Championships, during the Friday evening post-semifinals completion with other award recipients. Recipients should be present to accept the scholarship, and if not in a participating world championships corps, should make arrangements, at their expense, to try and be present. DCI will take care of all stadium entry credentials for the recipient.
10. Send application and additional materials to: Gary Czapinski Memorial Scholarship, 1646 River Street #303, Des Plaines, IL 60016. **Applications must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
11. DO NOT STAPLE FORMS/DOCS TOGETHER.

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### PERSONAL DATA

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION

High School \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Year in school \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ College Major \_\_\_\_\_

### DCI CORPS INFORMATION

With what corps are you performing? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Brass Color Guard Percussion How long have you been a member of that unit? \_\_\_\_\_

### ANSWER THE FOLLOWING (attach separate sheet if necessary) – DO NOT STAPLE DOCS:

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

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Do you have any instructional experience and if so, with what ensembles and in what roles/responsibilities?

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Please list your extracurricular activities: include scholastic, recreational and civic including your accomplishments and responsibilities for these activities.

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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 are your plans and goals for post-education?

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Do you plan to continue as a performer, and if so, where and for how long?

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Do you plan to teach a drum corps, guard or band?

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Why do you need this scholarship?

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*I certify that the above and enclosed information is complete and true.*

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I have reviewed the above application and recommend this member for the Gary "Chops" Czapinski Memorial Scholarship.*

Corps Director Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Corps \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE:**

**Two letters of recommendation from individuals other than Corps Director.**

**Application Submissions to:**

Gary Czapinski Memorial Scholarship, 1646 River Street #303, Des Plaines, IL 60016, or  
MCZAPINS@gmail.com.

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