

John Leman

Mr. Leman was the choral director at Eisenhower High School from 1962 to 1966. Although his stay may seem brief, his impact on the lives of many and on the high school has lasted through the years.

A quick review of his thirty-four year music career includes his time with us in Decatur, his further studies and choral directing at the University of Illinois, his time at New Trier High School in Winnetka, and his years at the University of Cincinnati.

During his four years at EHS he greatly enhanced the choral programs with his dynamic personality and talented teaching and music abilities, teaching his students the “nuances of the written score.” He introduced a wide variety of music, encouraging his students to enjoy what they hear and what they sing.

Mr. Leman took groups to listen to other choirs and took them to choral competitions, ranking among the best. Some of his students were even selected to the All-State Chorus his first year at EHS. He inspired his students to do their best and made music fun for them.

This scholarship continues the legacy of John Leman’s influence on the EHS music program by encouraging young vocalists to pursue their interest and to develop their skills through a fun and challenging choral camp experience at the U of I.



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The John Leman



University of Illinois Summer
Youth Music Program

Memorial Scholarship Fund

Eisenhower High School
Decatur, Illinois

John Lemman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Purpose:

This scholarship provides an opportunity to annually send an EHS student to the University of Illinois Summer Youth Music (ISYM) Program, a seven-day choral camp for talented high school vocalists.

Eligibility:

Any active EHS music student may apply.

3. Special consideration shall be given to applicants who are in their Senior or Junior year and who intend to major or continue their post-high school education in the field of music.

Selection Committee:

The selection committee will be determined by the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation. The initial Scholar Nomination Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the head of the Eisenhower Vocal Music Department and two other music faculty members.

Notification of Recipients:

The scholarship recipient will be notified by May 1 of the year of award.

Award of Scholarship:

The Foundation shall award the scholarship. However, a representative of EHS faculty or staff, as designated by its Board of Directors, may join in the ceremonial process of awarding the scholarship to any recipient at any EHS or community event to be determined.

Frequency of Award:

This award will be granted annually. The Foundation reserves the right not to award scholarships if a qualified candidate does not apply.

Number of Recipients:

The Foundation offers this scholarship to one recipient annually.

Selection Criteria:

The selection committee will consider an eligible candidate for this scholarship who:

1. Exhibits talent and high interest in the field of music, especially vocals; and
2. Has demonstrated leadership qualities, especially in relation to peers within the musical field.

Selection Procedure:

The Foundation will carefully consider the applications using any method of selection they desire as long as it encompasses the selection criteria set forth above.

Application Deadline:

Applications must be received by the Foundation on or before April 1, 2008.

Application Process:

Application forms may be obtained from the EHS Guidance Counselor's office or by contacting The Community Foundation (429-3000). Completed forms must be submitted to:

The Community Foundation of
Decatur/Macon County
125 North Water Street., Suite 200
Decatur, IL 62523

Use of Funds:

Scholarship awards may be used solely toward payment of tuition, room, board, books and other expenses related to attending the ISYM program.

Distribution of Funds:

Scholarship awards may be paid directly to the ISYM program after the student has confirmed his/her enrollment.

For Questions: Contact

The Community Foundation of
Decatur/Macon County:
Telephone (217) 429-3000
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