

Tony Rischling Memorial Scholarship

“He had a craft for teaching. He was great at it. Kids were drawn to him.”

“He would teach things in a way that I had never thought of and it made me a better teacher.”

“Everybody who was around him got better because of him.” –Colleagues of Mr. Rischling

The family of Mr. Tony Rischling has created this scholarship as a legacy to his work with students and his love for music. Mr. Rischling was a middle school band director, working with students from Barr, Walnut, and Westridge. In 2016, Mr. Rischling lost his battle with Burkitts Lymphoma a rare and aggressive cancer. He was only 36. During his time at GIPS Mr. Rischling taught thousands of students to love music. He was known for his passion and patience. He connected with students, encouraged them to be their best, and helped them grow as musicians who were ready to move to the next level. He had a way of making each student feel appreciated and loved (even if they didn't practice!).

Mr. Rischling's ultimate composition and legacy is the music he wrote on the hearts of students and all who were around him.

This scholarship is a one-year award and will be given in the amount of \$700. The scholarship is intended for students who have spent their high school years involved in Band at Grand Island Senior High.

Eligibility

- Must be a graduate of Grand Island Senior High
- Must be enrolled in Band during senior year of high school

Essay Question

- Mr. Rischling had a deep love for music and its impact on his students. How has music impacted your life?

To Apply

Complete the online application form at www.gips.org/foundation/scholarships

Selection Procedure

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship selection committee appointed by the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation.

Terms of Payment

The scholarship will be paid through the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation to an accredited college or university. The student must provide proof of enrollment to the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation.

