

# **Paul Camicata Memorial Scholarship Award**

## **“A Lesson in Resonance”**

Minimum of one award each year in the amount \$1,000

### **Biography**

Paul Camicata was a beloved music teacher in the Rush Henrietta School District for 35 years. He spearheaded the creation of the Sperry Singers (later to be the Rush-Henrietta Singers) and initiated their many international exchange programs where many students experienced international travel for the first time. After his retirement in 1996, his former students continued to be involved in his life and were often included in family activities. The alumni coordinated a reunion concert in 2010 where over 150 former students from all over the country came to sing with their former conductor, Mr. “C.” In 2016, over 70 of these students were in attendance at his funeral to sing for “C” one last time, under the direction of Eric Trumpowsky, a former student.

“C” was known for being tough but fair and was deeply impacted by his students’ passion and dedication, not only to music, but also to those around them. He had high expectations for his students, but regardless of ability, what inspired him the most were students who were working to their fullest potential and showed integrity, strong character and generosity towards others. As a choral director he always strived to ensure all students were singing together without one voice overpowering another; he valued collaboration and teamwork. These qualities were deeply rooted by his family values, his love of music and his community service.

This memorial scholarship is dedicated to “C’s” love for his Singers and to those that exemplify integrity, collaboration, fairness and generosity inside and outside the classroom.

### **Nominations**

Mr “C” was also known for being humble. If you know someone that should be considered for this scholarship, but may not apply on their own, please feel free to send a nomination to the Counseling Center and they will reach out directly with an application. All nominations will be confidential.

## **Requirements**

The graduating senior receiving this scholarship will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Demonstration of outstanding participation in the Singers for a minimum of one year as well as extraordinary contributions to the music program and service to community.
- Admirable academic achievement
- A person that exemplifies Mr “C’s” profound impact on his students through his or her qualities of integrity, fairness, generosity and collaboration both inside and outside of the classroom.

## **Applicants must provide**

- Completed Application
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation - one from a RH music faculty member as well as a letter from one additional faculty/staff member or fellow student.

## **Deadline**

This application, personal statement and letters of recommendation must be RECEIVED by the Counseling Center no later than Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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### General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Future Plans

List your post HS graduation plans (college, military, work, etc.)

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If attending college, intended major \_\_\_\_\_

### Music Department and/or Community Involvement (use additional sheet if necessary)

List your music or community service related participation and/or awards during HS

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### Personal Statement

Choose one of the following questions to answer using any creative medium you would like (i.e. essay, music, video or other). Include how this scholarship money will help you enrich your educational and/or life experiences moving forward.

1. Choose a person you admire that exemplifies the traits of integrity, collaboration, fairness and generosity. How have they influenced you as a person and how do you feel you will integrate these qualities into your life moving forward?
2. Describe what holds the most value to you regarding music and why you feel it is important in school and in life. You may choose a piece of music, musical artist/composer or song that has impacted the way you view life today or talk about how your experience and education with music has impacted your life.

### Letters of Recommendation

Please attach a letter of recommendation from a music faculty member of Rush-Henrietta Senior High School as well as one additional faculty/staff member or fellow student. The contents should include specific examples of how the applicant meets the requirements of this award. Contact information for the author of the letters also needs to be included.

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