

OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS

Dr. Joel Schut, Orchestra Director

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Dear MASTA Executive Board and Grant Committee,

I am writing to propose a special grant for the 2019 MMC Teachers Orchestra. After brainstorming with fellow MASTA members and teachers orchestra participants over the past several years, the idea has continuously surfaced to bring in an outstanding guest clinician. This person would conduct the teacher's orchestra as well as submit proposals for conference sessions. I understand that this grant proposal does not fall cleanly into the categories of Outreach or Program/Professional grants. However, I hope you will consider it as I believe it is highly valuable for both outreach and program/professional growth.

Grant Specifics:

Description: I am seeking to bring string conductor-clinician Scott Laird to serve as the 2019 MMC Teacher's Orchestra clinician. Mr. Laird is a well-loved string clinician who has a unique voice as a conductor, educator, presenter and innovator. He would bring a new dimension to the teacher's orchestra (ie. improv, rehearsal strategies, etc.) and be active presenting string topic sessions at the MMC.

Impact Numbers: This grant would allow for impact with all participants of the MMC Teachers Orchestra (annually between 45-70). This reach would also stem out to each of the teacher's programs and students. Additionally, the potential for presenting sessions greatly increases this number. While Mr. Laird will not work directly with students at the MMC; he will work with teachers and by association work with students across the state making for a large impact.

Date and Location: Michigan Music Conference. Jan 24-26, 2019, Grand Rapids, MI

Funding Requested: I am proposing funding of \$1500 to bring Scott for the entire conference. This includes his travel expenses and honorarium for his days (Wed evening-Saturday evening) and multiple contributions to the MMC. (Note: Accommodations for teachers orchestra clinicians is a joint collaboration between MASTA and MSBOA.)

Thank you for considering this special grant! Please be in touch if I can help answer any further questions.

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