

Band Alumni and Parents Scholarship Foundation Charter

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Introduction

The Reagan Band Alumni and Parents Scholarship Foundation was formed in 2017 by founding members; Skip (President) and Jennifer Hinman, Sue (Vice President) and Jeff Clay, Laurie Jenkins (Secretary Treasurer), and John and Debby Rosenwald as a way of giving back to the band organization and recognizing deserving band students through a scholarship honoring Alex Jones.

Alex Jones was an extraordinary young man who graduated Summa Cum Laude from Reagan High School in 2014. Alex was an esteemed member of the Reagan band serving as principal trumpet, line leader, and Band President. Alex Jones embodied humility, service, and leadership, and endeared himself to so many, band members and directors alike. He continued to exhibit these attributes at Texas A&M University, where he served as trumpet section line leader in the Corps of Cadets, Corps Bugler in 2015, Combined Band Sergeant Major in 2016, and had just been named as the incoming Combined Aggie Band Commander 2017, when he tragically lost his life in an automobile accident on February 19, 2017.

1. **Executive Summary.** The sole chartered purpose of the Ronald Reagan High School (RRHS) Band Alumni and Parents Scholarship (BAPS) Foundation is to provide scholarships and grants to current and former members of the RRHS Marching Band. Only alumni of the RRHS Marching Band and their parents may be members of the BAPS Foundation.
2. **Purpose.** This document serves as the Charter for the RRHS BAPS Foundation. The sole chartered purpose of the Foundation is to provide scholarships and grants as specified in section 6. This Charter acknowledges no other purpose for the Foundation. Proceeds from fundraising will provide the revenue for administrative costs thereby ensuring that funds donated can be used solely for scholarships and grants.
3. **Membership.** Only alumni of the RRHS Marching Band and their parents may be members of the BAPS Foundation. For purposes of this Charter, a RRHS Marching Band alumnus is defined as a student who served a minimum of one full year in the RRHS Marching Band, Color Guard, or some other Marching Band performance role recognized by the Band Director (e.g. Band Dance, singer, etc.). There is no monetary requirement to be a member or serve in any capacity.
4. **Meetings.** There will be a minimum of 1 meeting per year; September, December, February, and May.
5. **Board Composition.** Board members must meet Foundation membership requirements. Elections will take place annually at a Board meeting during the month of September or as scheduled.
 - 5.1. President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Charged with leading the BAPS Foundation/Board and serving as the Foundation's principal point of contact with the Band Director in coordination on Foundation grants.

5.2. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO): Charged with all roles and responsibilities associated with fundraisers and Foundation scholarships.

5.3. Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (CFO): Charged with all Foundation financial responsibilities.

5.4. Secretary and Administrative Officer (AO): Charged with all Foundation administrative responsibilities.

6. Scholarships/Grants. The Foundation aims to award a minimum of a single \$1,000 annual scholarship and to also provide available grant money at the request of the Band Director. Additional scholarships and grant money may be awarded as discussed in 6.2.

6.1. The BAPS Foundation Alex Jones Memorial Scholarship (“Jones Scholarship”) is awarded annually to a minimum of one RRHS senior who (1) participated a minimum of one full year in the RRHS Marching Band, Color Guard, or some other Marching Band performance role recognized by the Band Director (e.g, singer, dancer, etc.), (2) is eligible for high school graduation during the current academic year, and (3) plans to pursue an advanced academic degree or vocational certification as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, or trade school the following year.

6.2. When funds are available, the BAPS Foundation Band Alumni Scholarship (“Alumni Scholarship”) is awarded to a minimum of one RRHS alumnus who (1) participated a minimum of one full year in the RRHS Marching Band, Color Guard, or some other Marching Band performance role recognized by the Band Director (e.g, singer, dancer, etc.), (2) is currently enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, or trade school, and (3) plans to continue their full-time studies the following year.

6.3. There is no requirement for scholarship candidates to plan to pursue academic studies in music or to pursue a career in music.

6.4. Foundation scholarships are not “renewable” and, as such, award recipients from one year must compete with other candidates for another scholarship the following year.

6.5. Scholarship applications will each consist of a most recent transcript (unofficial or official), a one-page resume, and one essay using Times New Roman font, size 12, double spaced.

6.5.1. The one-page resume will include; the applicant’s full name, mailing address, email address, cell phone and home/parent cell phone number, and the college, university, or trade school the student plans to attend. Include the college/university/trade school student identification number, if known, and phone number and address of the financial aid office.

6.5.2. The Jones Scholarship will include the following essay: “Alex Jones was an esteemed member of the Ronald Reagan High School Marching Band who tragically lost his life while in college. Alex embodied humility, service, and leadership. In 450 words or less, discuss your views about these character traits and how you have applied them in your life.”

6.5.3. The Vice President will coordinate provisional Jones Scholarship award winners with the Band Director to ensure they are in good standing with the marching band. Scholarship funds awarded will be provided directly to the college, university, or trade school the student will be attending.

6.6. The purposes of grants from the Foundation are to support individual band students who, at the discretion of the Band Director, require financial assistance to attend band-sanctioned events and to assist with special projects to benefit the band program at the discretion of the Band Director and BAPS Board. The Foundation does not intend to publicize the policy of awarding grants or the awarding of specific grants to individual students.

7. Chartered Financial Thresholds.

7.1. If less than \$1,000 is available, the Foundation will award no grants or scholarships during that particular academic year.

7.2. If a minimum of \$1,000, but less than \$1,500, is available, the Foundation will award one \$1,000 Jones Scholarship. If an additional amount less than \$500 is available, the Foundation is authorized to award, at the discretion of the Board, up to that amount in grants.

7.3. If a minimum of \$1,500, but less than \$3,000, is available, the Foundation will award one \$1,000 Jones Scholarship and up to \$500 in grants. The Foundation will not award additional scholarships/grants, in order to ensure availability of funds for the following year.

7.4. If a minimum of \$3,000, but less than \$5,000, is available, the Foundation will award one \$1,000 Jones Scholarship and grant money, at the discretion of the Board, that ensures the availability of a minimum of \$1,500 for the following year.

7.5. If a minimum of \$5,000 is available, the Foundation will award a minimum of one \$1,000 Jones Scholarship, a minimum of one \$1,000 Alumni Scholarship, and grant money at the discretion of the Board. Once the Foundation begins awarding these two \$1,000 scholarships, the Foundation aims to maintain ample funds to continue awarding both scholarships each year. Adding additional scholarships (e.g., two Jones Scholarships in one year) and/or increasing the cash value of scholarship(s) will be at the discretion of the Board.

8. **Donations.** The Foundation will accept donations from any source including Foundation members.

9. Voting and Charter Revisions.

9.1. Approving actions within the confines of this Charter requires only a simple majority vote of the Board voting on behalf of all Foundation members.

9.2. Amendments or permanent revisions to the Charter require approval by a super majority, defined as all board members and a minimum of three fourths of Foundation meeting attendees.

9.3. This Charter will remain in effect until revised or dissolved by a super majority defined above.

9.4 If the Reagan Band Alumni and Parents Scholarship Foundation dissolves, all remaining assets will be distributed to the Ronald Reagan High School Band Parents Association.