

THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

ENRICHMENT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

THE MERRIMAN FUND

GUIDELINES:

PURPOSE: The Merriman Fund assists Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts students in the music and theater clusters, or any student pursuing musical theater training, with any necessary costs associated with their education while at Booker T. This may include travel expenses for individual students to competitions, conferences, performances, auditions, and college visits; financial support for essential supplies to pursue their craft; any accessories necessary to accomplish portfolios and other school related projects and performances, college application expenses or summer intensive opportunities.

The fund will provide \$10,000 to be allocated and dispersed within the 2016-1017 academic year.

A 5% (\$500) fee will be deducted from the \$10,000 grant in support of fund administration.

ABOUT THE GRANT: The \$10,000 Merriman Fund will be awarded to economically disadvantaged students in the music and theater clusters, or any student pursuing musical theater training – in any necessary increment. There is not a stipulation on number of grants to be awarded annually.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: The Merriman Fund will be awarded to Booker T. Washington students in the theater or music cluster, or studying musical theater. Students in any grade level may apply. Qualified candidates will complete and submit an application to include a recommendation from a cluster teacher or an academic teacher, as well as demonstrate financial need and provide a written response to a question about reason(s) for request, budget details and dates of the event (if applicable.)

SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS:

- The Student Enrichment Committee of The Advisory Board will select each recipient.
- The recipient will be required to send a thank you note and provide a report to both The Advisory Board and to Ms. Astrid Merriman.