



# CONNOR BOWEN FOUNDATION

## 2023 Spirit of Houston Band Scholarship

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Created in 2022, the Connor Bowen Foundation was operating in memory of Connor Jacob Bowen who lost his life to suicide the summer of that year. Connor Bowen served proudly as a member of the Spirit of Houston band for two years with his last performances including the Birmingham Bowl in 2021 and the Rodeo Parade in 2022. During Connor's life he was passionate about contributing selflessly to his community. As a third generation UH student, his passion included our university. Managed by a Board of Directors, the Connor Bowen Foundation continues Connor's individual approach to philanthropy by focusing in making an individual impact on others.

### Vision of the Foundation

Build a universe where one act of kindness inspires greatness.

### Scholarship

CBF has established a scholarship program to assist member(s) of the Spirit of Houston who are planning to continue their education with the University of Houston and participation with the band program. CBF will award 3 one-time \$2500 scholarships to outstanding band members. Award recipients will be selected through an application process.

#### Important Dates to Remember

February 25, 2023	Application Available Online
March 25, 2023	Application closes at 11:59 pm
May 2023	Recipient selection notification
Fall 2023	Celebration

## Eligibility Requirements

1. Be a United States citizen. If applicant's transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, appropriate proof of citizenship must be furnished. (i.e., a copy of the photo page of a valid US passport, a copy of Naturalization Certificate or birth certificate for US Citizen Born Abroad.)
2. Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
3. Be an active member of the Spirit of Houston program
4. Plan to continue their education at UH and continue to participate in the UH band program

## Application Requirements

1. Application Process
  - a. Part 1: Complete the online application, including the essay.
  - b. Part 2: Upload college transcript
2. The application is only available on the CBF website, [www.connorbowenfoundation.org](http://www.connorbowenfoundation.org)
3. Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by the deadline for consideration.
4. Completed applications and supporting documents will be submitted to [connorbowenfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:connorbowenfoundation@gmail.com)

## Evaluation Procedure

All complete applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the scholarship committee (consisting of CBF board members and Spirit of Houston directors) and the top 3 will be sent to the Board of Directors for final approval. Incomplete and non-qualifying applications will not be considered. Each application will be scored based the essay response (see the prompt below). Please keep response to 500 words or less.

### Essay Prompt

***What does the phrase "Paying it Forward" mean to you?***

***Reflect on something that someone has done for you that made you happy or thankful.***

***How you could "pay it forward" this feeling to someone else?***

## Questions?

Submit your application to [connorbowenfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:connorbowenfoundation@gmail.com)