

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Herk Foundation and its Fred Earl Jones Memorial Scholarship. The mission of the foundation is to provide opportunities for young people to be enriched by music through empowerment of educational music programs, scholarships, and grants. This scholarship provides college financial assistance to deserving students with majors in music and/or education. Please read all the application information and best wishes in your future endeavors.

For questions or comments, please contact me at 662-469-5713 or via email at [theherkfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:theherkfoundation@yahoo.com) and feel free to visit our website at [www.herkfoundation.org](http://www.herkfoundation.org).

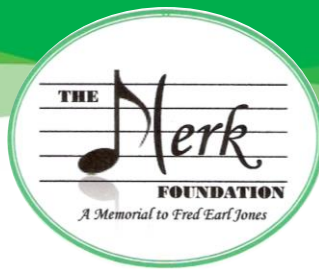
Sincerely,

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Calandra Jones-Howard

Founder and CEO, Herk Foundation

*The Herk Foundation - Established in February 2008 -- Celebrating 15 years!!*



## *Fred Earl Jones*

*1940-1988*

Fred Earl Jones was born on July 8, 1940 in Hernando, Mississippi to Joe Lee and Mary Jones, the 10<sup>th</sup> out of 13 children. Growing up he was a shining star in his school music/band classes and became an exemplary trumpet player. Through sacrifices from his parents and older sibling, he was able to pursue his Music Education degree from Jackson State University (JSU), a historically black college located in Jackson, Mississippi.

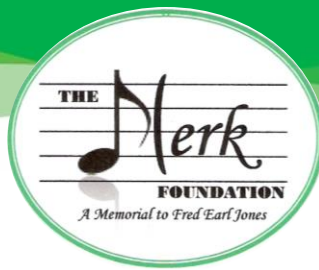


He majored in music and marched proudly with the JSU's "Sonic Boom of the South" Band. While in college, he received the nickname "**Herk**". In the Spring of 1964, he also became a member of the Upsilon Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Respectfully, in 1965, he became the first in his family to graduate with a bachelor's degree. In later years, he did expand his education to include a Master of Music from the University of Mississippi.

After leaving Jackson State, he married his childhood friend, Martha Ann. He also began his teaching career in Marshall County, Mississippi at Sand Flat High as School Band Director. There he built a loving Christian home for his wife (Martha) and two daughters (Lisa Michelle -1968 and Calandra Rochelle - 1974). His home was in walking distance from the school where he dedicated and shared his passion for music through private music lessons from piano, guitar, woodwinds, and brass.

At Sand Flat (later renamed H.W. Byers), he served as an educator for 23 years. He developed a strong band with true musicianship, taught mathematics, serve as a father/male role model, and most of all built student's self-esteem through disciple and dedication. As a result, he impacted the lives of the people within the school and the community.

Sadly, on July 3, 1988, he was killed in a senseless car accident. Fred Earl Jones is remembered for his great attitude, loving heart, strong presence, and his gift of music.



## **Fred E. Jones Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is named for Fred E. Jones (1940-1988), who served as a band director in Marshall County, MS for 23 years. He impacted the lives of his students and the community through his joy of music.

Please read the information on this scholarship with care.

The eligibility, selection, and application requirements for **The Herk Foundation - Fred E. Jones Memorial Scholarship** is as follows:

**Scholarship Amount Total:** \$1000 (payable in two installations - \$500 in Fall 2024 and \$500 in Spring of 2025)

### **Eligibility:**

- Must be a student attending a Mississippi Public School in one of these counties: DeSoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tate, or Tunica
- High School Senior with at least a 2.5 GPA
- Planning to attend a college or university full-time
- Must major or minor in Music, Education, **and/or** Subject Area with Teacher Licensure
- Satisfactory Conduct

### **Requirements:**

- A complete application form.
- High School Transcript
- One letter of recommendation - Band / Music Director, Teacher, or Individual (non-relative)
- One page essay (1 inch margins, 12 font, Title)
  - *Music applicants: **How music impacts my life?***
  - *Education applicants: **How do I plan to make a difference as an educator?***
- Media Release Form

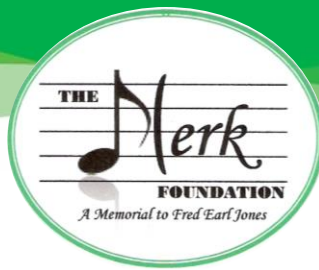
### **Deadline**

Application may be submitted by mailed or electronically. **Mail-in applications** must be postmarked no later than **April 25, 2024**. The **Online Application submissions** via the website must be submitted by **April 30, 2024**, but be sure to read important details prior to completing the application. All others posted or received after the deadline will not be eligible for consideration.

Mail application to:  
Herk Foundation  
Attn: Calandra Jones-Howard  
Post Office Box 740, Hernando, Mississippi 38632

### **Award Receipt Notification**

Scholarship winners will be notified by May 10, 2024, and will be required to submit the following: Award Receipt Forms and a photograph. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00 for both Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 paid directly to the college or university of acceptance. The winner(s) will be notified through guidance office and/or award letter mailed to applicant. The Board of Directors thanks all applicants for their interest in The Herk Foundation - Fred E. Jones Memorial Scholarship.



## The Herk Foundation Scholarship Application

Scholarship: Fred E. Jones Memorial Scholarship (High School Seniors - Music / Education)

### Applicant Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial Year of High School Graduation

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Gender Race Birth Date Main Phone Number Secondary Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address @

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name School Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address City State Zip

High School Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of College or University	Filed Application?		Accepted?	
	YES	NO	YES	NO

1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____

Planned Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Planned Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

### For Music applicants:

Main Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ How many years: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ How many years: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of the Band: Circle one: Yes No How many years: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Extracurricular Activities / Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Awards and Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

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Non-school activities or hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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List any offices held or leadership positions: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ✓ Duplicate this form as needed.
- ✓ All applications (mailed or electronic) must be received by April 30, 2024 to be considered by the Board of Directors of **The Herk Foundation**.
- ✓ Be sure to Enclosed with this application your letter of recommendation, essay, transcript or guidance counselor form, and media release form.

**The Herk Foundation - Office Use Only**

Postmarked: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Application \_\_\_\_\_  
Letter(s) of Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
Transcript or Guidance Form \_\_\_\_\_  
Essay \_\_\_\_\_  
Media Release \_\_\_\_\_





## MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I grant permission to The Herk Foundation and its subordinates, to use my name and/or photographs for use in The Herk Foundation's publications in both printed and electronic versions such as recruiting and marketing materials (Ex: brochures, newsletters, magazines, or display boards) and to use my name photographs, and/or relevant information for submission to newspapers and news media and on the Herk Foundation's website or other electronic forms or media. Plus, I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photographs or printed and/or electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown.

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**The Herk Foundation would like consent to release the student's name with relevant information, essay, and photo through a press release to the media and on the Herk Foundation's website, social media, and/or for distribution.**

\_\_\_ Yes, I give my consent.

\_\_\_ No, I do not give my consent.

Recipient's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if recipient under age 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(This email must be available after your high school graduation - no school email addresses.)

Please provide a picture for publication.

Send photo with application to P.O. Box 740, Hernando, MS 38632 or email to [herkscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:herkscholarship@gmail.com)