



# SANTA MARGARITA EAGLE FOUNDATION

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## Nicholas David Kraus Memorial Scholarship

Deadline for Submission: January 7, 2025

Mr. Nicholas Kraus (1982-2014) embodied everything good about a teacher at SMCHS. Trying to describe his impact on the community is like trying to describe a symphonic masterpiece to someone who has never heard it.

His students felt a strong connection, and the SMCHS community loved and admired him. Mr. Kraus was a phenomenal musician, a master teacher, and his work ethic was paramount. Above all, Mr. Kraus was extremely humble. His selfless and kind attitude was evident in every aspect of his professional and personal life.

Mr. Kraus taught in the Performing Arts Department from 2010-2014. During that time, Mr. Kraus taught various courses in music, performed regularly on campus in productions and concerts, and volunteered his time and expertise to assist with the Eagle Regiment Marching Band.

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

In the desire to recognize talented SMCHS students with demonstrated financial need, the friends and family of Nicholas David Kraus, and the Performing Arts Department of SMCHS established the following scholarship criteria:

- Demonstrates financial need - **FACTS Application required.**
- Junior or senior student next school year.
- The student must demonstrate a love of music and a desire to pursue music in college.
- The recipient must be enrolled in the instrumental music program.
- Recipient must make every effort to be a model student at SMCHS, showing humility, selflessness, kindness, and a willingness to volunteer.
- Additional consideration may be given to those who have lost a parent or family member.
- Completion of the Nicholas David Kraus Memorial Scholarship Application Form.
- The scholarship recipient will write an acknowledgement letter to the donor with a copy to SM Eagle Foundation

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

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ weighted  Junior next year (Class of 2027)  Senior next year (Class of 2026)

**IN THE SPACE BELOW, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (You may attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.)**

Other than your parents or grandparents, what person has had the most positive influence on your life, please describe why and in what way? \_\_\_\_\_

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Of the music you listen to, please indicate some of your favorites and describe why and how it made a positive impression on you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe how you have demonstrated a love for music, and if you plan to pursue music in college: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe how you have demonstrated a willingness to volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please briefly describe the reason there may be a need of financial assistance.  
**Student or Parent can complete this question.**

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If I am selected as a recipient of the Nicholas David Kraus Memorial Scholarship, I pledge to be in good standing at SMCHS and make every effort to be a model student in all regards. I hereby affirm that the answers and statements on this application are true and correct.

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Student Signature

For more information, contact the Foundation Office at 949-766-6080 or [advancement@smeaglefoundation.org](mailto:advancement@smeaglefoundation.org) or Cori Armstrong at [ArmstrongC@smeaglefoundation.org](mailto:ArmstrongC@smeaglefoundation.org).

**Completed applications are due to the Foundation Office by 1/7/2025.**