Eric M. Laufer



Eric Laufer born 1982, grew up in West Seneca, N.Y. and was a 2001 graduate of East Senior High School. He started playing music at a young age, taking lessons in bass and electric guitar.

He moved to Boston, M.A. at 19 to attend the Berklee School Of Music where he obtained his diploma in professional music. It was there that he met his band mates Jeff and Shane and they formed the music trio "The Two Timin' Three", described as a fiery myriad of rock n' roll, pop, jazz and early punk with Rockabilly tendencies. With Eric as the lead singer and playing guitar they wrote and produced two albums "Where did you sleep last night" and "Payin' the Price". They toured for several years before relocating to Austin, Texas and adding Patrick a fourth band member, changing the name to "The Two Timin' four. As a foursome, they released "Dark before Dawn" and played music worldwide with some of music's heroes including Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Head, Link Wray and Junior Brown.

Eric was more than just a great musician. He was also a wonderful brother, a loving son, a hero to his younger cousins and niece, a loyal friend and an inspiration to many.

On September 4th, 2008, Eric was riding his motorcycle home from San Antonio, where he played a weekly gig at "Logans" covering early rock and roll classics with some friends and calling themselves "Romantic Explosion". At 4:19am but 5 minutes away from home he was brutally killed by a hit and run driver who has yet to be found.

Eric was loved by everyone who met him and by many who never got the chance. He was an inspiration to music as much as music inspired him. We hope The Eric Laufer Music Scholarship will keep Eric alive in the music and dreams of others.

2027 West Seneca High School
Eric M. Laufer Music Scholarship

The Eric M. Laufer Music Scholarship is a memorial started by the family of Eric M. Laufer for young aspiring musicians. The scholarship is intended to aid blooming musicians pursue a career in the music industry.

The Eric M. Laufer Music Scholarship was born on September 4, 2008 following the tragic passing of Eric, a dedicated musician/songwriter and beloved family member. Because Eric's education and love for music began at West Seneca schools, our family has decided to present a $1000 scholarship to a student at each of the East and West high schools and to continue to offer music scholarships annually to graduating West Seneca students.

The past 10 years have brought the Eric M. Laufer Music Scholarship many successes. We are now able to offer scholarships in both West Seneca schools and have awarded scholarships to multiple graduating musicians from East and West Senior High schools, nine years in a row. With every year such a great turn out from our June fundraisers we are fortunate to be able to award gift certificates towards summer lessons/camps to East and West students and other students abroad, as well as contributing to music supply purchases and instrument repairs for the schools. Students applying for the 2027 West Seneca Eric Laufer Music Scholarship this year are required to be:

- Enrolled as a 2027 graduating senior at a West Seneca High School.
- Possessing a genuine love for music, with music orientated goals (instrument playing, singing, song writing, music recording, Music Theater, etc…).
- Accepted to a musical college or program. (Copy of acceptance letter must be sent with application).

Applications must be filled out in full with college acceptance letter and received via mail by March 18, 2027. Please send applications to:

Eric Laufer Music Scholarship
20 East Center Road
West Seneca, N.Y. 14224

The Laufers' and family have high hopes for the future of Eric's scholarship. Our future dream is to expand the scholarship in schools statewide to offer financial help to young musicians abroad. To assist schools with music programs non-existent or in need of financial help and to continue the scholarship at East and West Senior High School. Most importantly, the scholarship will continue to sponsor the dreams and talent of our young musicians. The Eric M. Laufer Music Scholarship is funded through donations and fund raisers held by friends, fans and family of the music industry and of Eric Laufer.

Thank you,

The Family of

Eric M. Laufer

2027 WEST SENECA SCHOOLS ERIC LAUFER MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name: **First Name:**

Birthdate:

Phone number: **Email:**

Street Address: **Town:**

State: **Zip:**

Attending West Seneca High School (East or West Senior) _____

How many years have you been playing / writing / recording music?

Achievements:

College or Programs applied to:
(Please send a copy of any college acceptance letters you may have received)

Major or Career focus:

How do you plan to use the money from the scholarship?

Why do you think you are best applicant for the scholarship
and how do you think it will help you persue your future in a music career?
(Please attach a typed essay answering the question above)

Contacts

Application or Scholarship questions/
Information:

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