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Dear VHS Alumni Excellence in Education Committee,

I would like to apply for an INDIVIDUAL grant for \$500 this year, in addition to our Music Department GROUP application.

In years past I've requested funds to purchase equipment to support our students directly. This year I will be focusing on my virtual teaching method to better the delivery of instruction and curriculum to our students. I plan to purchase the following items with this individual grant:

- Focusrite Scarlett 8i6 USB Audio Interface (\$299.99 Amazon)
- Logitech C922x 1080p Webcam (\$119.99 Amazon)
- XLR Condenser Microphone + Boom Arm + Mic Stand for Webcam (Remaining funds)

The Audio Interface is the most important of the items - the lower models do not require a power source, which is beneficial for mobile recording, however, my computer is already taxed as it is with having to deal with running Zoom sessions while running other programs/apps, and needs this specific model. The addition of a second webcam will provide either an overhead view (Keyboard Class) or profile view (for Instruments Class and Advanced Band) when demonstrating to the students. A physical microphone is something for my sore ears from the long hours of wearing earbuds or a headset combo. An easier choice would be a USB microphone, but again due to my computer being taxed, traditional XLR input is the route which the audio interface accepts. Best of all, all the items mentioned above, can be used in the classroom setting once we are back teaching in person in the form of a recording studio setup.

As mentioned above, traditionally I ask for equipment for our students. I feel a bit guilty for as I will be the one using these items, but hope the committee can understand the importance of both the individual and group applications I have submitted. Thank you for your consideration and your annual support to Venice High School teachers.

Sincerely,



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