

Dear Mindy Tate and Franklin Tomorrow,

Chandler Bell is a National merit commended scholar who is passionate about performing musically and giving back to her local community. As a senior at Franklin High School, she is a member of the nationally recognized Franklin Band. Chandler and her bandmates will expend over 800 hours in service in practice, fundraisers, the flag program, performances, and community outreach. She is also on the leadership team that assists the directors, and students in a liaison role.

In 2018 Chandler became a founding member Franklin High Schools first Orchestra program. She has represented Franklin High School by auditioning and performing in Mid-State and Williamson County Honors Orchestra performances every year. She was able to successfully audition to participate in the 2020 Governor's School for the Arts, a three week educational performance intensive provided by the General Assembly for selected state wide sophomores and juniors. In June 2021 she joined area band and orchestra students of Williamson County schools and performed at the Juneteenth program in Pinkerton Park.

Throughout her four years of high school Chandler has generously given volunteer hours with Habitat for Humanity in meetings and building a home yearly (30 hours a year). She has also faithfully served with Threads of Care. This year she serves as the Executive Director. Chandler is responsible for leading a teen run charity that collaborates with The Oasis Center, Franklin Special School District, Sole4Souls, Room in the Inn, Nashville Family and Children's Services, and Jumbled Dreams Changing Lives. Chandler's team provides collective impact by distributing 19,900 articles of clothing, 800 pairs of shoes, and raising \$4,100. She also works with the chapters within high schools with student leaders and over 100 student volunteers statewide.

Chandler shared additional hours of community service in the National Society along with her high school chapter of the English, History, and Music Honors Society. In the Math (Mu Alpha Theta) Honors Society she tutors students in Math.

During Covid-19 Chandler assisted in starting Strong Tower Bible Church's food bank. She gave over 250 hours planning shopping list within a specific budget, purchasing groceries, organizing food in the pantry, organizing packing of boxes, packing boxes. She also graciously brought family and friends to join her in her efforts, taught all tasks to other volunteers, and interacted with the community while distributing groceries. She even submitted a grant proposal to a national foundation and appealed for funds.

Chandler lives out her the purpose of her life with compassion, intention, integrity, sincerity, and with a genuine desire to support, help, and make a difference in the lives of those around her. I am proud and honored to recommend Chandler for the 2021 Youth Initiative Award.

Sincerely,
Sydney Ball