

Section Leader/Field Commander/Drum Major/Band Council Application

The purpose of the Section Leader application process is to identify the best available candidates in each section for the position of leader. The position of Section Leader is an important one in the Skyhawk Marching Band.

This individual(s) is expected to assist the band staff in the teaching of music and drill, tuning, fundamental skills, and section discipline. Section leaders are expected to lead by word and example. Section leaders will strive to keep morale high in their section with positive feedback when appropriate, and will also dispense positive criticism when necessary. The Section Leaders are the backbone of the SMB chain of command. They work more closely with individual members and understand their needs more than any other officer. This application process will help identify those individuals.

Band Council Positions: President (holds and officiates monthly meetings), Vice President (takes notes from meetings for directors and becomes President in case of absence), Historian (documents band activities and makes band scrapbook), Personnel Officer (assists with awards, keeping track of band members' attendance, etc.), and Music Officer (in charge of keeping and organizing music).

Instructions: Please fill out the following form. If you would like to apply for more than one position, please list the positions in order from first choice to last choice (ie. If drum major is your first choice, put that first, and then section leader second). If you need more room, please list the essay question and then use the back of this sheet.

Name _____ Current Grade _____

Position(s) applying for _____ Instrument _____

Years Marching _____ Years Concert _____

Previous Band Leadership Activities: _____

Other Leadership Activities (High School and Middle School) _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate page of paper:

3. Why do you want to be in a leadership position next year?
4. What leadership skills do you possess that you feel would be beneficial in a leadership position next year?
5. What have you done this year to earn a position of leadership?
6. How will the SMB become better from you being in a leadership position?
7. Will you be in attendance for all of band camp and the summer pre-sessions? If no, please explain in further detail.
8. Can you attend the Leadership Training July 27th?
9. Can you attend (at LCB's cost) Drum Major Camp at James Madison University July 9-13. You must provide your own transportation to and from the event.
10. Other pertinent information you would like to tell.

Parent Signature

Date

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DATE: May 8, 2019
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Subject _____ School _____

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1 (poor) 2 (fair) 3 (good) 4 (excellent) 5 (superior)

____ Conduct in Class
____ Dependability
____ Rapport with Teachers
____ Ability To Get Along With Others/Cooperation
____ Positive Attitude

Check the qualities that **DEFINITELY** apply to the candidate.

____ friendly	____ moody
____ reliable	____ undependable
____ enthusiastic	____ sometimes rude
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Do you think the candidate would be an effective leader with their peers?

YES _____ NO _____

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