

WAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND LEADERSHIP APPLICATION 2017-18

Thank you for showing an interest in being a part of the 2017-18 Wakeland HS Band Leadership Team. **We hope you will find the application process to be interesting and enriching regardless of the outcome.** If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact a director at any time. Good luck and work hard to best represent yourself through this process. Leadership candidates must be in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade for the 2017-18 school year.

Your candidacy will be judged on the following criteria:

1. *Past performance*
2. *Quality of your application & audition*
3. *Future leadership potential*
4. *Best fit for the individual and organization*

All applicants must attend the 2-day leadership audition camp after school on May 8 and 9.

When completing the application, be thorough, complete, creative, and honest. Don't say what you think your directors might want to hear. Say what you really think. Leaders are people who can offer something new and different to the organization. This application process is structured so that you will gain insights into yourself as a person, so please be honest and thorough. You need to open up and show the person that you truly are, or what you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to participate in the position you apply for is not the ultimate point. Dig deep inside, answer the questions, and complete the service project with the intent of learning something new.

Please do not fill out this application unless you are prepared to fully participate in summer leadership camp & band rehearsals. Drum Majors are required to attend a "Drum Major Camp" workshop during the summer.

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| Summer Band Dates: | July 17-19: Leadership Camp July 29: Marching Auditions | July 24-28 Fundamental Camp July 31-August 18: Band Camp (all day) |
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| Positions available: | Historian Drum Major Uniform Manager | Librarian Section Leader Equipment Manager |
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Applications due: Please fill out an interest form by **March 30**. <http://tinyurl.com/WHSBLT>
Full applications must be completed and all elements turned in by **Fri. April 28, 4:30pm**. Please be prompt and professional with your application. Teaching positions (Drum Majors & section leaders) will need to participate in interviews and evaluations. These will take place the **first two weeks of May**. Teaching/conducting evaluations will be **May 10th**.

When submitting: Please make sure that all elements are enclosed in one **DROPBOX** File to Mr. Smith (smithchr@friscoisd.org) that is clearly labeled with your name and "leadership team application" in the subject line.

Auditions: All applicants for section leader and drum major must go through a teaching audition. This audition will consist of you teaching a basic fundamental for 45-60 seconds. This is to allow the judges and staff to see how you communicate information and how well you understand our techniques. We will also be evaluating each students marching technique through the fundamental teaching.

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Student Name _____

Position(s) Applying for _____

Current G.P.A. _____ E-mail address _____

1. Please provide a resume. Be sure to highlight your past leadership roles and experiences.
2. Please provide 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, administrator, group leader, etc. Letters need to be sent to Mr. Smith via email or school mailbox.
3. In a separate document, please answer the following questions:
What are your greatest personal strengths?
What is a leader?
What do you want the Wakeland Band to be?
How will you make the WHS Band what you want it to be?
4. Interview someone on your campus (student leader, faculty, or administrator) and ask him or her for views on leadership. What did you learn from your conversation? How is it different from yours?
5. Please provide a copy of your most recent report card.
6. You will be scheduled an interview with the Wakeland Band staff to take place prior to Auditions. Please dress professionally.

Complete the following project:

7. Complete a service project for the Wakeland Band. The scope and duration of the project are at your discretion. You may choose something that you think needs to be done, or you may ask a director for a project. If you have any questions about the validity of your chosen project, please speak with a director prior to starting it.

Drum Major Applicant ADDITIONS:

1. Conducting patterns: 4/4, 3/4, 2/4
2. Tempi: 72 bpm, 116 bpm, 150 bpm, 176 bpm
3. Prepared piece: Recording from directors
4. Secondary Interview with directors and judges

***Drum Majors will not be allowed to enroll in 1st period CTE courses for the Fall semester. Please make sure you plan your schedule accordingly.

***Drum Majors are also REQUIRED to Double-block band for the duration of the school year.

Please understand that if chosen, you will be held to a higher standard of behavior, performance, and work ethic than your peers. Any issues regarding behavior may result in immediate removal from the leadership team; this is at the director's discretion. You must be willing to make that sacrifice so that others around you may succeed. Serving in this capacity will not only provide others with a better experience, but will provide you with a tremendous growth opportunity that will serve you for years to come.

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