

DRUM MAJOR APPLICATION GREENEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

NAME _____ GRADE NEXT YEAR _____

T-SHIRT SIZE _____ PARENT/GUARDIANS _____

HOME ADDRESS (please include zip) _____ PHONE _____

Email(s) (please include parents) _____

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS.

A non-refundable application fee of \$5.00 must accompany this application along with 3 references, and must be turned in by Thursday, April 23, 2009. This is to help defray the costs of judges. Make checks payable to "Greeneville Band Boosters". References must be from adults other than family members such as teachers, church leaders or adults in supervisory positions.

Please read the information below carefully. Be sure that you understand what it says. If you have questions, ask. Your signature, and that of your parents, are required. Your signing this form indicates that you understand and agree to the terms of this agreement. **PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS.**

ALL CONTESTANTS WILL PERFORM A SHORT (3 MINUTES OR LESS) ROUTINE TO MUSIC OF THEIR OWN CHOICE, A SALUTE, AND YOU WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO GIVE VOICE COMMANDS AND CONDUCT IN 2/4, 3/4, AND 4/4. YOU WILL ALSO PROBABLY BE ASKED QUESTIONS BY THE JUDGES.

1. Drum major is the most important student leadership position in the band. The drum major must make band his/her **FIRST PRIORITY** during marching season. You are expected to be at every full band practice. You may be asked to attend other sectional practices occasionally. The drum major must play an instrument in the band, and must have participated at least one year in the GHS marching band. The drum major is not to be a member of Advanced Chorus or any activity that will cause him/her to miss practice frequently.
2. The drum major's loyalty to the band must be unquestioned. The drum major must earn and maintain the respect of the band members. Any confirmed evidence of insubordination on the part of the drum major will result in dismissal from the position of drum major.
3. Try outs will be held on Saturday, May 2, beginning at 9:00 am in the gym at Greeneville High School. You must be present and try out on that day in order to be eligible. A panel of three qualified judges will adjudicate the try out. The judges will select one person to be drum major, and another person to be first alternate in the event the person chosen as drum major is unable to fulfill the responsibilities. No spectators are allowed in the gym.
4. The decision of the judges will be final. You are expected to accept that decision.
5. If you are selected as drum major, it is highly recommended that you attend a drum major camp this summer at your own expense. We'll help you find a good one (if one is available not too far away).
6. You are also responsible for obtaining a drum major uniform. See Mr. Price for help with this.

I have read and understand the above information.

X _____ X _____ X _____
Student Signature Parent Signature Date

DRUM MAJOR APPLICATION QUESTIONS

This must be turned in by Thursday, April 23, 2009.

NAME _____

Please answer the following questions. Be thorough and show evidence of careful consideration. These answers will constitute a part of your try out score. Use the back if necessary.

1. Why do you want to be the student leader of the GHS Band?
2. What must a person do to be an effective drum major/leader?
3. What experiences have you had that qualify you to be drum major?
4. Explain how you would command the respect of those students you would lead.
5. How would you handle conflict between yourself and a member of the band?
6. How would you handle conflict between yourself and Mr. Price?
7. How can the drum major help the band work more efficiently?

GHS BAND DRUM MAJOR REFERENCE FORM

DUE DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2009

Give this form to three (3) references. References must be adults other than family members such as teachers, church leaders or adults in supervisory positions.

STUDENT NAME: _____

TO THE REFERENCE: The person listed above is trying out for Drum Major for the Greeneville High School Band. A portion of the student's total score will come from statements made by the references of the applicant. We are aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledge your help. Please feel free to use the back if necessary. This form will be kept confidential and may be mailed before Friday, April 25, 2008 to: David Price, Greeneville High School, 210 Tusculum Blvd., Greeneville, TN 37745

1. Length of time you have known applicant?
How do you know the applicant?

2. What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths?

3. Comment on the applicant's relationship with peers.

4. Please describe a situation where you observed the applicant in a leadership role?

5. If you had an extracurricular activity would you accept this applicant?

6. Please use a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest, to rate the applicant on each of the following.

Character_____	Concern for others_____	Responsibility_____
Leadership_____	Initiative_____	Persistence and drive_____
Maturity_____	Poise_____	Ability to work with others_____

Other comments (optional):

Name of Adult Reference _____ Position/Title _____

School/Business/Religious Group/Organization _____

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