

Gold Star Regiment Leadership Information Packet/Application

Before applying for a student leadership position, please consider the following:

1) *Leadership is a position of service to the organization and to your peers.* It is the acceptance of significant responsibility and extra work, the commitment to extra time, and the decision to demonstrate selflessness at all times. It is a position where you will have to make sacrifices for the sake of the whole group.

If you want to be a student leader so that you can wear a special uniform or gain recognition for yourself, you should reconsider your application. When you assume a leadership position, the band as a whole becomes your priority. The makings of a good leader are those who recognize what needs to be done and gets it done, whether they want to do it or not, and without anybody else asking.

2) *Leaders are expected to be impartial to all band members.* Great leaders value all members of their team equally and applies equitable and fair treatment to those they oversee.

3) *Great leaders are able to accept criticism.* With the added responsibility, there are plenty of opportunities for improvement.

4) *Great leaders represent the Gold Star Regiment well both in and out of uniform.* Good work ethic and social skills should be applied to ALL aspects in life- not just in band, drumline, guard. Are you taking care of all the things you need to be doing?

Your candidacy will be judged on the following criteria:

- 1) Past performance
- 2) Quality of your application
- 3) Future leadership potential
- 4) Best fit for the individual and organization

When completing the application, be thorough, complete, creative, and honest. Don't say what you think your sponsor 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 what you truly are, or what you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to participate in the office you apply for is not the penultimate 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 participate in the leadership training process.*

Always remember- as leader, you should be setting the example and the standard for the band. The band's standard of quality is a reflection on its leadership as much as it is on individual students and instructors.

When Submitting Your Application: Please make sure that all elements are enclosed in one package and are clearly labeled with your name. Any elements of your submission that you would like returned need to be labeled as such. All applications must be typed. Failure to do so will result in the return of the application to the applicant.

Positions Available:

Section Lieutenant, Section Captain, Drum Major, Historian, Quartermaster, Librarian, Member-at-large

Position Descriptions:

Position availability subject to change dependent on size and needs of the Gold Star Regiment.

Section Lieutenant (Individual Instruments)

Eligibility: To be eligible for the position of section lieutenant, the applicant must be an incoming sophomore or older and member of the Gold Star Regiment for at least one year in good standing with the director. Section lieutenant selection is determined by candidate interview. Candidates must have currently have at least a 2.5 GPA.

Role of the Section Lieutenant: Section lieutenants comprise a crucial element of success of the marching band- these students are leaders who work directly with the sections they oversee to ensure every individual's success in all aspects of band membership. Section lieutenants should demonstrate an exemplary level of proficiency on their instrument.

Number/Description of Section Leader Positions: Generally, each individual instrument has a section lieutenant; however, in cases where sections are too small or contain no interested/eligible candidates, small sections may be combined under a single lieutenant (high/low woodwinds/brass, etc.). The exact number of leaders is determined by the size and needs of the marching band.

Duties and Responsibilities:

A. Rehearsals

1. Report early (as instructed by director) for instructions and information
2. Reporting section attendance during rehearsal
3. Acts as point of contact for sections; checks in on section members when late/absent from rehearsal
4. Lead individual instrument sectionals
5. Facilitate discipline and rehearsal etiquette within sections
6. Aids in instruction and learning of music and drill as well as memorizing
7. Reports progress of section members' abilities in music and drill
8. Attends ALL rehearsals

B. Performance

1. Gather section members for muster pre-loading, pre-warm up, and after loading after performances.
2. Lead individual instrument sectional warm-up
3. Aid in discipline of section in public
4. Ensure that all section members are in proper formations throughout all public functions- football games, warm-ups (both full ensemble and section), and in full ensemble movement

Desirable Qualities:

- Exemplary musical ability
- Good judgement
- Upperclassman
- At least 2 years of experience in the Gold Star Regiment

Section Captain (Woodwinds/Brass/Percussion/Guard)

Eligibility: To be eligible for the position of section captain, the applicant must be an incoming sophomore or older and member of the Gold Star Regiment for at least one year in good standing with the director. Section captain selection is determined by candidate interview. Candidates must have currently have at least a 2.5 GPA.

Role of the Section Captain: Section captains provide an intermediate level of leadership overseeing multiple instrument sections in rehearsal and in preparation for performance. They assist the drum major(s) and director in disseminating information down the chain of command and reporting back up the chain of command. The position of section captain and section lieutenant may be held concurrently.

Number/Description of Section Leader Positions: One each for woodwind, brass, percussion, and colorguard.

Duties and Responsibilities:

A. Rehearsals

1. Report early (as instructed by director) for instructions and information
2. Aid in reporting section attendance
3. Acts as point of contact for section leaders in oversight (i.e. euphonium, trumpet, mellophone section leaders report to brass captain, etc.)
4. Lead sectionals for larger sections (brass, woodwinds, percussion, guard)
5. Facilitate discipline and rehearsal etiquette within larger sections
6. Aids in instruction and learning of music and drill as well as memorizing
7. Reports progress of section members' abilities in music and drill in addition to section lieutenants
8. Attends ALL rehearsals

B. Performance

1. Coordinate section lieutenants for muster pre-loading, pre-warm up, and after loading after performances.
2. Lead brass/woodwind/percussion/guard sectional warm-ups
3. Aid in discipline of sections in public
4. Ensure that all section members are in proper formations throughout all public functions- football games, warm-ups (both full ensemble and section), and in full ensemble movement

Desirable Qualities:

- Exemplary musical ability
- Good judgement
- Upperclassman
- At least 2 years of experience in the Gold Star Regiment

Drum Major

Eligibility: To be eligible for the position of drum major, the applicant must be an incoming sophomore or older and member of the Gold Star Regiment for at least one year in good standing with the director. Drum major selection is determined by candidate interview AND audition consisting of demonstration of conducting and baton spinning skills. Candidates must have currently have at least a 2.5 GPA.

Role of the Drum Major: The drum major oversees the operations of the student body in the Gold Star Regiment and reports directly to the director. The drum major conducts the marching band during field show and football pep band performances and ceremonially leads the marching band in parade.

Number/Description of Drum Major Positions: Dependent on the needs of the marching band- typically one head drum major and one assistant.

Duties and Responsibilities:

A. Rehearsals

1. Report early (as instructed by director) for instructions and information.
2. Maintain student discipline, as needed.
3. Assist the director in instruction of basic marching, visual, and musical skills.
4. Assist the director in taking attendance at rehearsals
5. Conduct the band during field show rehearsals
6. Conduct and rehearse in absence of the director
7. Directly communicate with section lieutenants, captains, and members
8. Attends ALL rehearsals

B. Performance

1. Conduct the band in field show performances and competitions

2. Conduct the pep band at football games
3. Lead the band with vocal and whistle commands whilst marching
4. Artistically accent the competition march with baton spinning skills in parade
5. Ensure that all sections and members are in proper formations during muster, warm-ups, and pre-staging
5. Represent the best in the Gold Star Regiment in all public performances.

Desirable Qualities:

- Exemplary musical ability
- Good judgement
- Strong exemplary behavior both inside and outside the band
- Upperclassman
- At least 2 years of experience in the Gold Star Regiment

Historian

Eligibility: All members of the Gold Star Regiment are eligible to be a historian.

Role of the Historian: The historian documents and keeps records of marching band activities during the school year. The marching band historian collaborates with other ensemble historians on the end-of-the-year slide show.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Document marching band activities by keeping records including notes and photographs
2. Boost the morale of the ensemble
3. Research and document previously undocumented history of the marching band, if applicable.

Quartermaster

Eligibility: All members of the Gold Star Regiment are eligible to be a quartermaster.

Role of the Quartermaster: The quartermaster maintains and cares for the marching band uniforms and related equipment.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Maintain and organize marching band uniforms
2. Train members in proper uniform care

Librarian

Eligibility: All members of the Gold Star Regiment are eligible to be a librarian

Role of the Librarian: The librarian prepares sheet music, printing and copying parts for the marching band as needed.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Prepare sheet music for distribution to the marching band
2. Print extra copies of marching band music as needed
3. Organize the marching band music library

Member-at-large

Eligibility: All members of the Gold Star Regiment are eligible to be a member-at-large

Role of the Librarian: The member-at-large fulfills any leadership role not specified in other positions.

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Name _____ Grade in 2019 _____ Years in Band _____
Instrument _____ E-Mail Address _____
Position(s) Applying For _____ Current GPA _____
Previously Held Positions _____
Other Extracurricular Activities _____

Answer these prompts:

- 1) Please provide a resume. Be sure to highlight your past leadership roles and experiences.
- 2) On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions:
What are your greatest personal strengths?
What are some areas in which the organization could improve and how would you improve them?
- 3) Interview someone on your campus (student, 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?

Complete the following projects:

- 4) Complete a service project for the organization. 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 the sponsor for a project. If you have any questions about the validity of your chosen project, please speak with the director prior to starting it.
- 5) *Open forum*: this is where you have the opportunity to show your creative side. You may do anything that you deem appropriate to convince us that you are able to “think outside the box” and address issues in a different manner. This is the portion of the application where you should expect to learn the most about yourself as an individual. Therefore, take a risk here. Once again, this should be fun for you and the organization.

Rules for #5: HAVE FUN WITH THIS. There will be no class time given unless approval from Mr. Phung is given prior to the event.

- No scavenger hunts
- Do not set time restrictions on
- Anything you do, you must be willing to undo

By returning this application, you acknowledge that you understand all expectations of the position(s) being applied for.

PARENTS: It is important that you understand the level of commitment demanded from your child if appointed to a leadership position in the Gold Star Regiment Marching Band and Colorguard; we ask that you sign below, acknowledging reading of the accompanying material, support of your child’s application, and awareness of the selection process.

Student Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature