**Drum Major/Section Leader/Field Commander**

**Application**

All Students who wish to apply for section leader will be required to submit this form accompanied by one (1) letter of recommendation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade (coming school year):

Current Section: Years in Band (including middle school):

Will you be auditioning for Drum Major as well as section leader? Yes:\_\_\_\_ No:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a student leader?

Have you had prior experience in a leadership role? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Describe the role of a student leader: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section Leader Applicants**

Students who wish to audition for section leader for the 2022-2023 school year will be required to:

1. Complete the attached application accompanied by one (1) letter of recommendation.
2. Attend training clinics held on **Saturday April 30th** from 9:00-5:00

These clinics will cover the following:

1. Leadership skills and expectations.
2. Musicianship skills and playing ability.
3. Basic music theory and teaching skills.
4. A theory diagnostic exam
5. Attend section leader audition (**Saturday, April 30th**)
6. Students will be expected to participate in an interview, as well as perform a prepared piece and sight read on their respective instrument.

The music for next year’s field show is:

The Hand That Feeds

Creep

Uprising

Smells Like Teen Spirit

All section leader applications and recommendation letters must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, April 20th**, at which time students will receive the prepared piece for auditions.

Anyone is welcome to audition for section leader. There is no harm in trying!

All decisions made by Mr. Durso and the AGHS band staff are final. We work very diligently to put the needs of the band first. Just because you don’t have a title does not mean that you can’t step up and be a leader among your peers.

Thank you!

Mr. Durso

Director of Bands

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**Drum Major Applicants**

Students who wish to audition for Drum Major for the 2022-2023 school year will be required to:

1. Complete the attached application accompanied by one (1) letter of recommendation.
2. Complete and submit a video audition by **Wednesday, April 30th.**The video submission must include:
   1. Introduction including the students name and the position that they are auditioning for.
   2. A full body shot of them conducting;
      1. The National Anthem
      2. Confluence
3. Attend training clinics held on **Saturday April 30th** from 9:00-5:00

These clinics will cover the following:

* 1. Leadership skills and expectations.
  2. Musicianship skills and playing ability.
  3. Basic music theory and teaching skills.
  4. A theory diagnostic exam

1. Attend Drum Major audition (**Saturday April 30th**)
   1. Students will be expected to participate in an interview, as well as performing a prepared piece and sight reading on their respective instrument.
   2. Rehearse a portion of a piece for the entire band.
   3. Conduct one or more full songs, picked by the staff, to a recording.
      1. A list of possible songs will be distributed prior to auditions.
   4. Perform a portion, if not all, of the mace routine for the current march.
      1. Routine will be taught at clinics
   5. Perform a basic Eurythmics test including of tempo accuracy and possible exercises that will be taught in the eurythmics seminar during clinics.

All Drum Major applications, recommendation letters, and video auditions must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, April 20th,** upon which time students will receive the prepared piece for auditions.

Any student going to be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior during the 2022-2023 school year is welcome to audition for Drum Major. There is no harm in trying!

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Thank you!

Mr. Durso

Director of Bands

**Drum Major Applicants**

All Students who wish to apply for Drum Major will also be required to submit this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade (coming school year):

Being a Drum Major is a big responsibility. The job of a Drum Major is to set the example for all other students in the band. That means showing up on time (early), assisting the band staff, making it to all rehearsals, being attentive, and going above all else to make sure the needs of the band are met. With that being said:

Why do you want to be a Drum Major?

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Are there any rehearsals or band camp days that you cannot attend? (Please list) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Attention:

If you are the one of the two drum majors chosen, please know that you are responsible for the purchase of your own **WHITE** band shoes or boots. Also, if chosen, the Drum Major has the option of wearing white band pants or a white drum major skirt. If they choose to wear the skirt, the cost is to be paid by the student

. **Field Commander Applicants**

Students who wish to audition for Field Commander for the 2022-2023 school year will be required to:

1. Complete the attached application accompanied by one (1) letter of recommendation.
2. Attend training clinics held on **Saturday April 30th** from 9:00-5:00

These clinics will cover the following:

* 1. Leadership skills and expectations.
  2. Musicianship skills and playing ability.
  3. Basic music theory and teaching skills.
  4. A theory diagnostic exam

1. Attend Field Commander audition (**Saturday April 30th**)
   1. Students will be expected to participate in an interview, as well as performing a prepared piece and sight reading on their respective instrument.
   2. Rehearse a portion of the marching basics (mark-time-mark, 8 to 5, backwards march, right and left slides) for the other applicants.
   3. Perform one or more commands, picked by the staff.
   4. Accurately read a drill sheet.
   5. Perform a basic Eurythmics test including of tempo accuracy and possible exercises that will be taught in the eurythmics seminar during clinics.

All Field Commander applications and recommendation letters must be submitted no later than **Wednesday, April 20th** , upon which time students will receive the prepared piece for auditions.

Any student going to be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior during the 2022-2023 school year is welcome to audition for Field Commander. There is no harm in trying!

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Director of Bands

**Field Commander Applicants**

All Students who wish to apply for Field Commander will also be required to submit this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade (coming school year):

Being a Field Commander is a new responsibility we are adding to our band this year. The job of the Field Commander will be to assist the Drum Majors and Staff with setting drill, making musical decisions, and being the “On Field” leader, all while accurately executing their own drill and music on the field. The Field Commander will be responsible for not only their drill spots, but everyone else’s. That means taking time away from playing/marching to focus on the group’s performance. They will also assist the band staff, make it to all rehearsals on time, be attentive, and going above all else to make sure the needs of the band are met. With that being said:

Why do you want to be a Field Commander?

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Attention:

This is a new position being held, which makes this a trial year. You may have many questions about this position that may not have been answered yet. You are encouraged to bring these questions to the band staff; however, they may not be answered immediately. We hope whoever fills this position is willing to be as flexible as possible so it can be as effective as possible.