

STALEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

At Staley Middle School we want everyone who is interested in Band to be able to play an instrument. Band is a serious financial commitment and we understand that many families worry about the financial burden. For this reason, we offer free or reduced instrument rental fees as well as help with supplies.

Please note this option is only for families that could not participate in Band unless they receive additional help. In most cases we will encourage students who are unable to pay for the full rental agreement to take part in our work program (Band Hall Heroes) to help offset the cost of the instrument. If you have any questions over this form please email Mr. Wood at woodc@friscoisd.org or call Mr. Gray at 469.633.4520.

Student Name _____ Band (Circle One): BB CB HB SB

- We need assistance with an instrument only (complete page 1 & 3)
- We need help with supplies only (complete page 2 & 3)
- We need help with both instrument and supplies (complete all pages)

Instrument Rental Plans

Below is the breakdown in what instruments are available for financial aid:

Oboe, Bassoon, Euphonium, and Tuba are school-owned instruments. These instruments are not rented through a music store and if you chose one of these instruments they are automatically reserved for you.

Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, and Trombone can be rented through a local music store. If you have checked the local music store and are unable to commit financially, please see if one of the plans below suit your need. Please note that the school owns a very limited supply of these instruments. If you think you need to reserve one of these instruments please contact a Band director.

Alto Saxophone and Percussion are instruments that are not owned by the school and therefore we cannot assist families. If you are unable to afford the rental of these instruments please contact a Band director for other options. *Percussionists who cannot afford a practice marimba rental should practice at the band hall.*

Please check which plan your family is interested in.

Adjusted Payment Plan

Instead of paying two \$50 payments your family can work out any alternate payment plan that best suits your situation. This plan will ultimately have you paying the full amount (\$100 for the year) but the full amount is not due until the end of the year.

Half payment each semester with 5 hours of Student Work Plan *(needs director approval)*

Instead of paying two \$50 payments your family can submit two payments of \$25 and your student can work five hours in the Band Hall Heroes program throughout the year.

If neither plan works for you please let us know as we are happy to work out an individualized plan to best suit your family's needs.

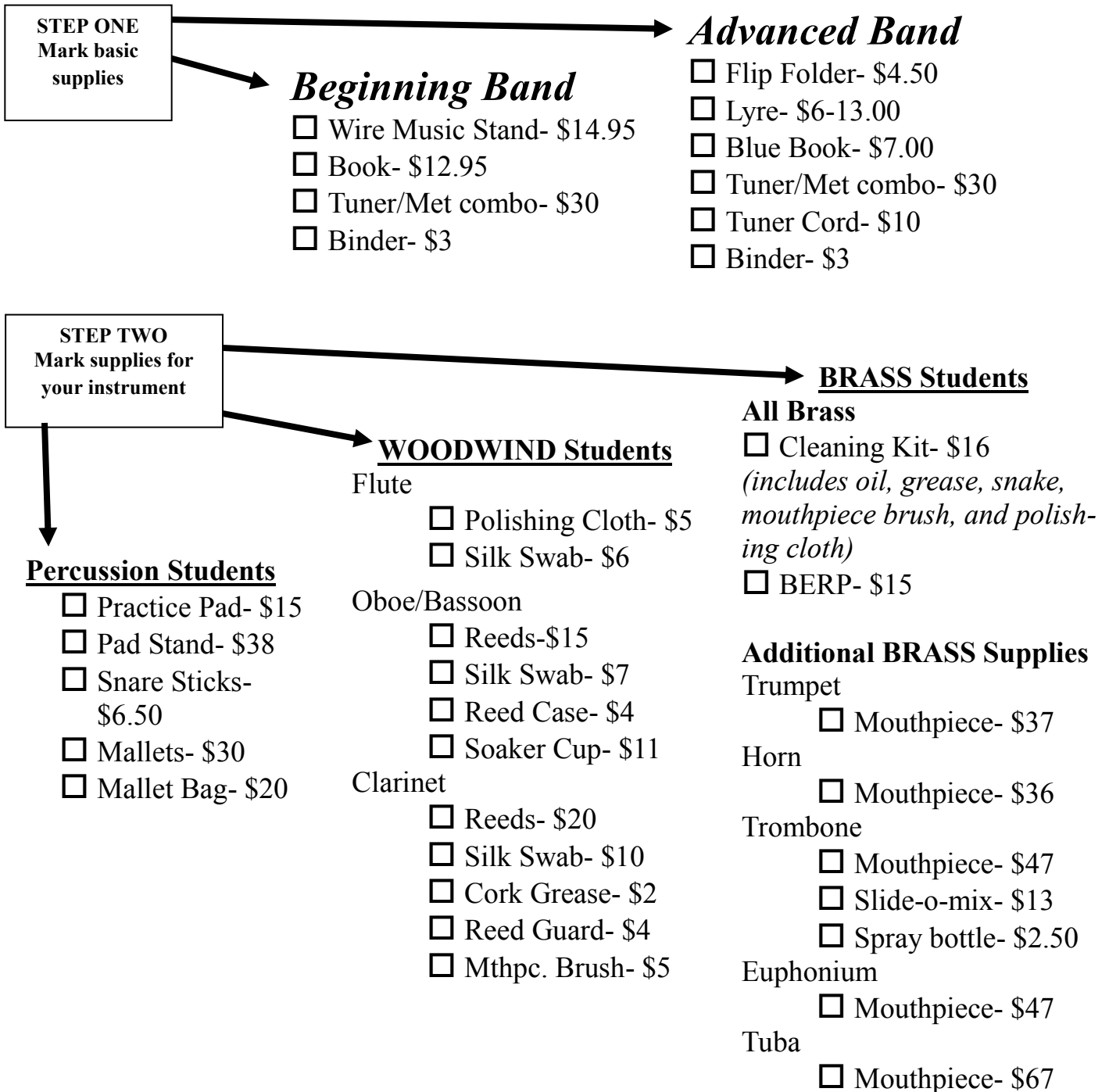
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Instrument Supplies

All instruments have basic supplies for upkeep and maintenance. All the supplies can be found at any music store or online. The school does not stock these supplies

Only check the supplies you need assistance with.

All prices are estimates



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Family Information

Financial help is available through the SMS Band Parent Association. Help is available on a first-come first-served basis. All information will be used ONLY for Band purposes and only the Band staff will have access to the information provided.

Student Name _____ Parent Name _____

Parent Phone: _____ (Circle) Home Cell Work

Parent Email _____

Please check if any of the common issues apply to your situation. You may also list additional information.

- We are a single income family
- We have multiple students in Band
- Someone in our family has recently become unemployed
- Our family was on free or reduced lunches during the previous school year.
- Our family was serviced through other FISD programs last year (please list below)

Please list any additional information you would like to share (You may use the back if needed)

- We understand that any student approved for the SMSBPA Financial Aid program will be required to participate in the Band Hall Hero work program. (minimum 5 hours per semester)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parents will be contacted directly regarding the status of the SMSBPA financial aid application via the information listed above.

Please double check that all information filled out correctly (instrument, supplies, and student info). If approved, the band staff will use this packet to distribute needed supplies.

You may turn this packet in directly to a Band director, SMS front office, scan and email, or fax to 469-633-4550.

'Band Hall Hero' Program



What is it: A program that allows students to work in the band hall to;

1. Help cover the cost of band
2. Gain hours for community oriented groups like NJHS
3. Help out for the fun of it!

How it works: Students fill out the application and turn it into Mr. Wood. The band directors and a SMSBPA board member will decide if the applicant is approved for the program. Applicants who are approved will then set up a time with Mr. Wood to come and work in the band hall. (Note that any student who is approved for SMSBPA Financial Aid is automatically approved for BHH)

What kind of work: All work will take place in the band hall and can range from filing music, dusting shelves, or anything in between. All work will be done outside the school day and under the supervision of the SMS band staff or SMS faculty.

Payment Method: Depending on reason for approval, payments will either be made directly to private lesson staff or the time will count towards events. *Students or parents will never receive direct monetary compensation for their time spent as a 'Band Hall Hero'.*

Private Lesson Info: Only students who are already enrolled in the private lesson scholarship program can work toward lesson payment. Applicants can work to 'repay' their \$8 per lesson scholarship (parents still pay \$8 directly to the private lesson teacher) or apply for additional help beyond the already awarded \$8 scholarship.

Community Service Hours Info: Students may break large amounts of time into smaller segments if the band director schedule permits it. Students will receive credit and signatures once the entire time requested is fulfilled. Students

Criteria for approval: 1) All applicants must be passing all classes at the time of scheduled work. 2) All applicants must complete the application honestly and have parent's approval. 3) Private Lesson or Financial Aid applicants should also have completed the appropriate paperwork for each of those two programs.

Notification: Students accepted to the Band Hall Hero program will be notified in writing or through the email provided below.

Band Hall Hero Application

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Band: BB CB HB SB

Reason for application : Private Lesson Scholarship Financial Aid Other (list Below)

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Notification Email _____

Days available: (Circle) M T W Th F Time available: (Circle) Before School After School

Band Office Use Only

Review date _____ Approved: Yes No Time Card set up

Notified Parents Director signature _____



SMSBPA Private Lesson Scholarship Application



We are pleased to offer Private Lesson Scholarships through the SMSBPA. Scholarships will be awarded based on need, availability, and merit. If a scholarship is awarded, satisfactory progress must be maintained in lessons as well as a total of ten hours of 'Band Hall Hero' service is to be given during the year (five hours per semester).

The SMSBPA scholarship covers HALF of lesson costs.

- ◆ Families awarded a scholarship are encouraged to take lessons every week and pay the other half of lessons directly to the private lesson teacher.
- ◆ Families who cannot pay for half of lessons may schedule a lesson every other week. The SMSBPA will cover 100% of lesson costs for this option. *Please consider lessons every week if possible!!!*

Scholarships are awarded each semester. Students who are awarded a scholarship in the Fall do not need to reapply in the Spring. Once awarded a scholarship, students will need to enroll in lessons and make satisfactory progress to retain the scholarship..

The SMSBPA Lesson scholarship can be revoked for the following reasons:

- ◆ Lessons are not scheduled within two weeks of receiving a scholarship.
- ◆ Student regularly does not turn in a practice report
- ◆ Student has unexcused absence for band events (such as sectionals or concerts)
- ◆ Student changed their schedule and decide to not take band the following semester
- ◆ Student consistently do not meet the private lesson teachers instructions from the previous week
- ◆ Student fail to work five hours for the band hall hero by the end of each semester.

Students and parents will be notified of scholarship results via letter as soon as they scholarship is awarded.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program or to ask if your financial situation qualifies, contact Mr. Wood at woodc@friscoisd.org or Mr. Gray at 469.633.4520

Parents: On the back of this page list three reasons explaining your financial need for a scholarship.
Free/reduced lunch, other FISD programs, Single Income, etc.

Students: Please list three reasons why you deserve a scholarship.

I am aware and willing to fulfill at least 5 hours of 'Band Hall Hero' service per semester if I am awarded a scholarship. *(Please fill out the Band Hall Hero in addition to this application)*

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Email _____

Incomplete applications will not be considered.