

# Leadership Packet

2020-2021

We are excited you are interested in becoming a leader of the 2020 Cougar Marching Band! The leadership team will be an integral part of the band and is responsible for making our program unique and successful. In this application you will be asked a series of questions; please respond professionally as you would on any job application (as being in the leadership is a big responsibility and should be viewed as such). Again, we commend you for your willingness to be a leader in our organization.

Read the student leadership expectations and complete the following application. Applications are due Friday, April 24th. The 2020 marching season calendar has been posted on the band website, and it has been emailed to all students. Please review this calendar and compare it to yours so you can ensure that you will be able to meet the attendance requirements for the leadership team.

Our goal is to choose a leadership team that best fits the personality and needs of the 2020 Marching Band. This means that we may choose as little as one leader per section, or we may choose multiple. We may also choose to combine sections in a way that is best suited for their success.

Your responses on this application will be evaluated as a part of the selection process. We will also take into account how you have previously exhibited leadership, musicianship, and other important qualities. As a section leader, you will be expected to **meet or exceed** the expectations below. You will need to initial next to each leadership expectation statement so that we know you truly understand our expectations for you as a leader. In addition, your signature at the end of the application indicates your willingness to do so, as well as your understanding that section leaders may be replaced at the discretion of the directors should they not fulfill the expectations.

## **Leadership Expectations**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a respected member and potential leader of my section.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a positive, active, and dedicated member of the Cougar Marching Band. My actions are exemplary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am committed to playing, marching, and memorizing at a high level, so I am able to assist others in doing the same.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am a team player and will promote band unity through my attitude and attendance at band and leadership events.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the playing, marching, and attendance expectations are higher for the leadership team.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will arrive prior to the start of all events and will be prepared to remain after rehearsals to help other band members, student leaders, drum majors, and the directors as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am committed to leading my sections toward performing at a high level and achieving the goals it sets for the season.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will schedule additional help/sectionals for individuals in my section or my entire section as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will hold my section accountable for learning their music, marching, and drill, as well as bringing the required materials (instrument, music, uniform, pencils, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will support the band directors and the best interest of the Cougar Marching Band.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If not chosen, I will commit myself, instead, to leading others by example and give full cooperation to the leadership team selected.

**Due Friday, April 24th**

# Leadership Application

## Student Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fall 2020 Grade level:            10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_            11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_            12<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Position applying for:	Section Leader	_____	Drum major	_____
	Band Mgr.	_____	Logistics Team	_____
	Uniform Mgr.	_____	Uniform Team	_____
	Equipment Mgr.	_____		

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*: If you apply for Drum Major, this *automatically* puts you in running for section leader as well.

List any other commitments or conflicts that you have that may interfere with marching band events (dance team, cheerleading, football, summer vacation, etc.):

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Respond to the following questions on a TYPED document (re-type the questions).

**\*\*\*Handwriting your answers on this sheet will NOT be accepted!!!\*\*\***

1. Why do you want to be a drum major/section leader?
2. What is your definition of leadership?
3. Identify your personal goals for the upcoming marching band season (musically, visually, and socially).
4. Identify the personal strengths that you can contribute as a section leader candidate.
5. Identify any personal obstacles or areas of improvement you would need to overcome to be an effective section leader candidate.
6. What leadership skills have you already brought to the band? (i.e., tell me what you have done to earn a leadership position)
7. What leadership roles have you held outside of band?
8. Give 5 examples of bad leadership.
9. Describe three effective leaders that you have encountered and the traits of their leadership style that you hope to emulate. (They do not have to be band related).
10. Identify another member of your section that would make an effective section leader/drum major and your reason for choosing them.
11. What do you want your legacy to be when you graduate?
12. Have you ever missed a band rehearsal or performance, excused or unexcused? (If yes, please elaborate)

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# Leadership Application Service Project

The service project is an important part of your leadership application. Your service project should be a project that will serve the entire band in some capacity. You will need to follow the steps below to fully complete your service projects.

- 1) Get service project approved by Directors.
- 2) Type up a proposal thoroughly describing what your service project entails. You must include who was involved in helping you and what the finished project will look like.
- 3) You will need to provide pictures during the project and after the service project is completed.
- 4) When you have completed your service project you must submit documentation including your proposal (see #2), before and after pictures, and a group photo (if your project includes more than one person). This can be submitted through google docs/drive (no need to print). You may do a video in lieu of pictures.
- 5) Service project must be finished by the final bell on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Anything later than this day will **NOT** be accepted.

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# Student Self-Evaluation Form

Due with leadership application on April 27<sup>th</sup>

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All items are scored on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest rating possible**

\_\_\_\_\_ Attendance/Punctuality to rehearsals, class, and performances

\_\_\_\_\_ Attitude and respect for authority and peers during rehearsals, class, and performances

\_\_\_\_\_ Effort during practices, class, rehearsals, and performances

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal musical leadership and accountability for musical assignments

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal leadership, initiative, and accountability

\_\_\_\_\_ Conduct/Behavior

\_\_\_\_\_ General attitude

\_\_\_\_\_ Preparedness (music, marching, uniforms, equipment)

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer service to band (other than rehearsals/performances/personal practice and leadership duties)

Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional notes by student:

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## Leadership Contract

I understand that if chosen, I will be held to a higher standard of behavior, performance, and work ethic than my peers. I agree to be willing to make that sacrifice and commitment so that the band, as a whole, may succeed. I understand and agree to the requirements as outlined in the Leadership Expectations. I also commit to going above and beyond the normal call of a cougar band student by participating in events such as ATSSB All-Region auditions and UIL Solo and Ensemble competition. We, the student and parent, agree to commit ourselves to the requirement of leadership camp (July 6-10), freshman camp (July 20-22), summer band (July 27<sup>th</sup>-August 7<sup>th</sup>), and other mandatory events listed on the band calendar. We understand the importance of leading by example and the expectations the band and directors have for the leadership team.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

Complete this packet and staple your typed answers to the back. Turn the entire packet in ***no later than Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>***. Late applications will **NOT** be accepted, as part of your leadership application will be your ability to meet a deadline.

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