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## Student Leadership Application

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

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Position (check as many as apply):

Drum Major \_\_\_\_\_ Captain: Brass \_\_\_\_\_ Woodwind \_\_\_\_\_ Percussion \_\_\_\_\_ Guard \_\_\_\_\_

Section Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Operations Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Band Librarian \_\_\_\_\_

Descriptions of the above positions may be found on the reverse side of this application.

**Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:**

1. Please describe your experience in band. Where you've been, what you've done, etc.
2. What qualities make for an effective student leader? How do you embody these qualities?
3. What role does music play in your life? How and why are musical ensembles beneficial to you?
4. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
5. What do you expect the RMHS band experience to provide for students?

**Please submit a brief essay entitled *Why I Want to Be a Member of Student Leadership***

**At band camp, we will have a playing audition for all students applying for all captain or section leader positions. I'll ask you to play a couple major scales and a short, one minute or so etude of your choice.**

Thank you for your time and effort in completing this application. Your hard work and thoughtfulness in the above questions is greatly appreciated. I ask these questions of you to ensure that we provide the best leadership possible for your band program. Please email your responses to me at the address listed below. Best of luck and Go Griz!

Sincerely

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**Drum Major** – The Drum Major of the Rocky Marching Band is the highest-ranking student leader of the band and will provide leadership and training for a student staff consisting of administrative officers, Captains, and Section Leaders. The Drum Major will assist the Director of Bands and the professional band staff in music, marching and drill instruction and will be responsible for conducting the band during rehearsals and performances. The Drum Major will be expected to understand the challenges faced by each section of the band through thorough study of the marching drill, choreography and music that each band member is expected to perform. The Drum Major is responsible for *esprit de corps* within the ensemble and will work closely with the entire student leadership staff to plan activities that will enhance rehearsal and performance aspects of the marching band experience for all members of our band family.

**Captain** – The Captain is responsible for all aspects of rehearsal and performance within their caption of the Rocky Marching Band. The Captain has oversight over Section Leaders and is responsible for ensuring an effective rehearsal and performance atmosphere for all players in their caption. All Captains work closely together to enhance the *esprit de corps* of the band. All sectionals and extra rehearsal time must be coordinated through the Captain, who will seek approval from the Drum Major and Director of Bands.

**Section Leader** – The Section Leader is responsible for the rehearsal and performance within their section of the Rocky Marching Band. The Section Leader is responsible for ensuring an effective rehearsal and performance atmosphere for all players in their section. Section Leaders must work closely with their appropriate Captains to issue concerns, suggest improvements, request sectional time, or for any other matter that needs attention.

**Executive Officer** – The Executive Officer is the chief student administrative officer within the band program. Duties include oversight of the student administrative staff, coordination of all social activities within the marching band, communicating the needs of the students to the Director of Bands and acting as an ambassador for the Rocky Marching Band whenever needed. The Executive Officer is an *ex-officio* (non-voting) member of the Band Booster organization and will attend Board meetings as a representative of the students in the band program.

**Operations Officer** – The Operations Officer reports directly to the Executive Officer of the Rocky Marching Band. This person is responsible for oversight of all equipment in the band program, coordinating field and band room maintenance schedules, rehearsal space set-up and break-down and notifying the Executive Officer of any equipment repair issues.

**Attendance Officer** – The Attendance Officer reports directly to the Executive Officer and is responsible for tracking all attendance for marching band activities, logging all students who are tardy or leave early from rehearsal, coordinating the collection of student forms and notifying students of pending issues related to their attendance or return of forms.

**Band Librarian** – The Band Librarian is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of all instructional supplies and music used by the various ensembles at Rocky. The Band Librarian will oversee the activities of a staff of Library Assistants who will be responsible for the distribution and collection of music for each ensemble.