



# *Jenks High School Trojan Pride*

## *Drum Major Application*

### *General Information*

Thank you for your interest in being part of the Trojan Pride Student Leadership Team. Regardless of the outcome, we hope you will find the application process to be interesting and enriching. The application represents a standard method of the Jenks Band Program for selecting student leaders. If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to ask. Good luck and work hard to accurately represent yourself through the process.

Your candidacy will be judged of the following criteria:

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

When completing the application, be thorough, complete, creative, and honest. Don't say what you think your directors might want to hear. Say what you really think. Leaders are people who can offer something new and different to the organization when needed. This application process is structured so that you can gain insights into yourself as a person, so be honest and thorough. You need to show the person that you truly are and what you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to serve on the STL team is not the only point. Dig deep inside, answer the questions, and complete the service project with the intent of learning something new.

Applications must be completed and all elements turned in by Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:15 PM. Be prompt and professional with your application. A submitted application does not guarantee an interview. An interview schedule will be available after the staff has had time to review submitted applications.

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



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*Applications are now being accepted for Trojan Pride Drum Major positions. Auditions are open to band members who are going to be a junior or senior for the 2025-2026 school year, has served as a student leader, or has demonstrated significant potential as a leader.*

### **Expectations:**

1. Representative of the Trojan Pride.
2. Accomplished Musician
3. Conduct Musically (i.e. – tempo, style, dynamics, phrasing, emotion).
4. Lead Peers in a Positive Manner. Involves areas such as trust, respect, and humility.
5. Must apply and desire to serve as student leader if not selected as a drum major (expectations listed below in italics).
6. *Student leadership is a volunteer service position. By applying, students are indicating that they want to serve and help meet the needs of the band beyond marching and playing. A strong desire for the band to improve and succeed is essential. The core concept is that the experience of service benefits both the individual and the band.*
7. *Student leaders are to lead by example – that is to model ideal behavior, performance, peer relations, and attitude throughout the season both in and out of rehearsal.*
8. *Student leaders have no authority (disciplinary or otherwise) beyond that of other students.*
9. *Student leaders can be relieved of their duties if they fail in these regards.*

### **Process:**

1. Submission of application. Applications are due by Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:15 pm. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted or considered. Application includes:
  - Resume that highlights leadership roles and experiences.
  - A one-page essay listing greatest personal strengths and areas in which the organization could improve (and how you would improve them).
  - A written record (questions and answers) of two formal interviews with reputable band alumni, school faculty, or school administrator. Interviews should include their views on leadership, what you learned from the interview, and how their view is different than yours.
  - Completion of a simple service project.
2. Formal interview with staff. Submission of application does not guarantee an interview. Staff will review all applications and select students for interviews. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to begin Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. Conducting audition with band. Scores will be available for students who complete the interview process. Conducting auditions are tentatively set for Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and will take place in class during 1<sup>st</sup> hour.
4. Drum Majors will be announced by Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.



*Attach this page to the front of your application*

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

**Position Applying For** (circle all that apply): **Drum Major**      **Student Leader**

**Current G.P.A.:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Cell Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. *Along with this page. Please provide a resume. Be sure to highlight past leadership roles and experiences.*
2. *Write a one-page essay listing your greatest personal strengths, areas in which the student leadership team could improve, and ways that you would improve them.*
3. *Conduct and submit two formal interviews with a reputable band alumni, school faculty member, adult in leadership position, or school administrator. Interviews should include but not be limited to their views on leadership, what you learned from the interview, and how their view is different than yours. Include both questions and answers in the application.*
4. *Complete a simple service project that benefits the band program. The scope and duration of the project are at your discretion. Students should choose something that they think needs to be done. Students can ask a director for suggestions, but the preference is for students to recognize a need and act upon it. Students should be able to complete the project without the help or time of a directors. If you have questions about the validity of your project, it is okay to ask prior to starting it. Service projects are not limited to the High School Campus. Include an explanation and documentation of your project with this application.*

**I understand that if chosen, I will be held to a higher standard of behavior, performance, and work ethic than my peers. I will be willing to sacrifice so that others around me may succeed. I understand that serving in this capacity will not only provide others with a better experience, but will lend itself towards tremendous growth opportunities that will be beneficial for years to come.**

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature