



## REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PAYMENT DEFERRAL

Dear Marching Band Family:

The attached “Request for Financial Assistance and Payment Deferral Form” is to be submitted by any parent or guardian who feels that they will be unable to meet their financial obligations to the Wheeler Marching Band program in a timely manner. Failure to submit this form will disqualify any member from receiving financial assistance. A few key points to consider:

### Band Philosophy

The marching band program is 100% funded by participating families through the Booster Club. We receive no direct county funding. Therefore, it is the responsibility of each participating family to fulfill their financial obligations in a timely manner. We recognize that in some cases, due to the certain financial situations, fulfilling this obligation in a timely manner will create an unmanageable hardship and potentially prevent a student from participating in the program. To the best of our abilities, given the financial resources of the Booster Club, we will try to work out arrangements with qualifying families to ease this hardship. ***It must be clearly understood that these arrangements do not relieve or reduce a participating families financial obligations.***

### Confidentiality

The information you are providing, the nature of your request and the disposition of your request are treated with complete confidentiality. Your request forms are to be turned in to the Band Director or Booster President only, who will then assign a case number to your application. All further discussion of your case with the Executive Officers of the Booster Club will be conducted anonymously by case number only. Only the Band Director, Booster President and Treasurer will know the name associated with the case number.

### Financial Assistance Availability

Financial assistance is available in two forms:

Scholarship Awards - The David Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 to assist deserving families with the cost of band who are willing to help themselves through valuable service to the band program.

This is not a “free band” program. Scholarships are limited to 50% of band credits you earned in the previous year, and for first year participants, 50% of band credits which you will earn during the current fiscal year. You may also qualify for additional scholarship awards based upon the fundraising services you provide during the current year. Please be aware that the total amount of the scholarship funds available to all band families is limited to 20% of the beginning of the year fund balance.

Payment Deferrals - In certain circumstances, arrangements can be made to extend the period of time over which band fees can be paid to more easily fit a family’s budget. This also will allow a family the opportunity to earn band credits toward payment of their fees. In accepting a payment deferral plan, it must be understood that you are expected to meet your deferred payment obligations and that failure to do so can result in termination of your deferral and all amounts due becoming payable immediately.

Each case will be evaluated on its own merits and we will attempt to achieve an arrangement that is fair and equitable to all parties.

#### Deadline

All requests for financial assistance and deferred payment plans must be submitted to the Band Director or Booster President ***no later than August 15, 2007***. They can be submitted in person, through the Band Box located in the Band Room or via mail to the booster club P.O. Box (see return address on envelope for the address).

#### Contacts

You will be contacted by telephone by the Band Director, Booster President or Treasurer to discuss your request and what form of assistance we are able to offer. Upon agreement to a specific arrangement, you will be asked to sign the lower portion of the form confirming your agreement with this arrangement and return it to the booster club Treasurer.

While it is our goal to make it possible for every desiring student to be able to participate in Marching Band, we also must recognize our financial obligations to the band program and every family who make up the Band Booster Club. We will attempt to assist families as much as possible, but our first priority is and will always be the financial health and well being of the entire band program and its participants.

Sincerely,

Mark Hoskins, Band Director

Greg Arnold and Kim Duggins, Booster Co-Presidents

CASE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only: Copies to: Band Director \_\_, Accounting \_\_

## WHEELER HIGH SCHOOL WILDCAT PRIDE MARCHING BAND

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### REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PAYMENT DEFERRAL

(Please print legibly in dark ink)

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request the following financial assistance for my students 2007 Marching Band and Band Camp Fees:

(Check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Award

\_\_\_\_\_ Deferred Payment Plan

\_\_\_\_\_ Both

In the space below or attached separate sheet, please explain the circumstances supporting your request. *All information is kept in the strictest confidence.*

I am able to pay a maximum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, and/or a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the entire year.

I am willing to commit to earning \$\_\_\_\_\_ in band credits through service and fundraising activities.

The information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that by accepting financial assistance and/or a deferred payment plan, that I am obligated to fulfill the terms of such plan, and that failure to do so will result in all amounts becoming due and payable in full immediately and may result in my students disqualification from further participation in the marching band program.

Parent (s) Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY BAND DIRECTOR OR BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT**  
**DESCRIPTION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND/OR DEFERRED PAYMENT PLAN**

Signature of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Band Director \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Booster President \_\_\_\_\_