

HBA REGISTRATION FEE FINANCIAL AID POLICY

The HBA provides financial support to The Hampton High School March Band to meet various expenses that are not covered by the Hampton Township School District budget. The HBA also seeks to be inclusive of all students and recognizes sometimes financial assistance is needed for participation.

Students who are members of the Hampton High Marching Band, including auxiliary units, may be eligible for financial aid to assist with the annual Marching Band registration fee, if there is a demonstrated financial hardship. Parents/Guardians must notify the Band Director in writing of their financial hardship by submitting the Financial Aid Application. All requests for financial aid must be received BEFORE the applicable payment due date. The HBA is unable to provide financial aid after payment deadlines have passed.

Financial aid may be awarded to a student based on the ability of the HBA to financially grant it, and upon the recommendation of the Band Director. Financial aid is limited. All aid requests must be requested and granted annually. A written Financial Aid agreement will be provided for both the parents and Band Director to sign noting the terms of aid.

Financial aid will not be issued for general items such as reeds, mouthpieces, repairs, clothing, shoes, or any extra items purchased by individual members. Activities outside of the performance schedule, such as field trips and the band trips are not eligible. Financial Aid will also not be granted to offset the school district participation fee.

Financial aid is provided in the form of matching funds. Thus, aid is dependent on the requesting family's participation in fundraising efforts. Families receiving aid are expected to make a good faith effort to raise at least fifty percent (50%) of the fee through participation in fundraising opportunities. Failure to meet the 50% fundraising goal may result in the loss of the financial aid, subject to the review of the Band Director, on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions about how to get started with fundraising please contact the HBA President at President@hamptonbands.org for information about all available fundraising programs.

Financial aid is also dependent on fulfilling the volunteer portion of the band commitment. Every family has the opportunity to reduce the amount they pay for registration dues (and extra expenses and activities) by volunteering and reducing overall band costs.

The fee waiver request will be held in strict confidence and only be reviewed by the Band Director, who will inform the HBA President & Financial Secretary of the request but will not divulge any financial information with anyone.

Financial Aid Criteria

- Application for financial aid is open to any current Hampton High School Marching Band Student with demonstrated financial hardship.
- Students must have good attendance. Those with poor attendance will greatly limit their chances of receiving any financial aid.
- Financial aid is need-based (not merit) and families should be able to provide a need for the aid requested.
- Fundraising of 50% of the registration fee is required. Aid is for matching funds.
- Meeting Volunteer requirements is required.

Hampton Band Association Financial Aid Application

***Please read the HBA Financial Aid Policy and Financial Aid Agreement before completing this form. The form must be completed in full to be considered for aid.

Name of Student: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone (Home): _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____

I, _____ (parent/guardian) am requesting financial aid for my student _____, of the annual Marching Band Registration Fee. I have read the HBA Registration Fee Wavier Policy and Agreement and agree and understand its terms.

In order to fairly assess need, we ask that you voluntarily and strictly confidentially provide information that you feel comfortable sharing on this form that will help the Band Director and HBA President and Treasurer decide on eligibility of financial aid.

Reason for request:

I certify that the above information is true, correct and complete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HAMPTON BAND ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENT

I/We acknowledge that in order to receive financial aid:

- The student will have good attendance.
- We agree to fundraise 50% of the annual registration fee, and understand financial aid covers 50% of the annual fee.
- We agree to meet annual volunteer requirements.

This agreement is between the HBA and _____
Parent's/Guardian's Names (printed)

If we receive this financial aid, we agree to abide by the conditions set forth in this letter of agreement.

Signed: _____ Today's Date: _____
Parent's/Guardian's Signatures

Approved.

Declined...Reason:

Band Director

HBA President