



DRUM MAJOR / SECTION LEADER APPLICATION

Thank you for expressing interest in becoming a part of Evergreen High School's Instrumental Music Student Leadership Team. I hope you will find the application process to be interesting and enriching regardless of the outcome. If you have any questions about the process or application, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Cruse or the band staff at any time. Good luck, and work hard to best represent yourself through this process.

Your candidacy will be judged on the following criteria:

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

When completing the application, **be thorough, but concise, creative and honest**. Don't say what you think we might want to hear; Say what you really think. Leaders are people who can offer something new and **innovative*** to the organization. This application process is structured so that you will gain insights into yourself as a person. You need to open up and show the person you truly are, and who you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to participate in the office you apply for is not the **penultimate*** point. Dig deep within yourself and answer the questions with the intent of learning something new and positive. Please do not fill out this application unless you are prepared to **FULLY DEDICATE** yourself to the music program and to your own development as a musician, student and leader.

Applications due: Tuesday, April 30th. Please be prompt and professional with your application.

Leadership Interviews: Monday, May 6th 6:30 – 9:00 PM

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

***Innovative:** Featuring new methods which are advanced and original.

***Penultimate:** is described as being next to last. To portray who you think we want you to be would be the penultimate point of view. The ultimate point of view is to be who you are. Please be authentic.

Additional Resources for Innovative Student Leadership:

<http://www.attitudeconcepts.com>

<http://www.scottlang.net>



Drum Major / Section Leader Audition Requirements 2019 Evergreen 'Cougar Pride' Marching Band

APPLICATION & INTERVIEW (All Student Leadership Candidates)

All Drum Major and Section Leader candidates must complete an application package and participate in an interview with the Staff.

- **APPLICATION PACKAGE:** All items must be handed in by **Tuesday, April 30th**.
 - Leadership Team Application (next page) signed by you and your parent/guardian
 - A **typed** response to the following essay questions:
 1. Why do you want to be a Drum Major (or Section Leader)?
 2. What do you feel is the most important trait of an effective leader?
 3. If you had one goal (personal or for the ensemble), what would it be and why?

No more than five sentences per response - be as concise and clear as possible!
 - Two (2) recommendations from teachers, employers, administrators, religious officials, etc.
 - Recommendations from Mr. Cruse or any of the Band Staff would be considered inappropriate and considered VOID.
 - Teachers may email recommendations to Mr. Cruse at wcruse@jeffco.k12.co.us
 - **An up-to-date transcript of all high school academic grades - Mandatory**
- **INTERVIEW WITH STAFF:** Interview date is **Monday, May 6th**
 - Be prepared to answer additional questions regarding your responses and leadership in the interview

CONDUCTING SEMINAR & WORKSHOP (All Student Leadership Candidates)

Tuesday, April 30th

Required for all Drum Major Candidates; highly recommended for all Section Leader Candidates; and all band students are also welcome to attend. A short 1-hour seminar/workshop on conducting hosted by a guest clinician (former Blue Knights Drum Major and/or Evergreen High School Alumni).

ENSEMBLE CONDUCTING (Drum Major Candidates Only)

Monday, May 6th (in class)

All Drum Major candidates will be expected to prepare a conducting excerpt from the Star Spangled Banner. The audition will involve conducting the excerpt with the EHS Cougar Pride playing the music. The remainder of your time will be used for a Q&A session run by your peers.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING (All Student Leadership Candidates)

Summer

*If chosen to be Drum Major or Section Leader, you will be **REQUIRED** to attend one of the following **Leadership Training Camps***

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS – PLAN ON ATTENDING NOW

- **Drum Major Academy at UNC Greeley** **Friday-Tuesday, June 21-25**
 - <https://drummajor.org/workshops/northern-co>
 - Cost: \$535 (includes lodging & meals); registration deadline: June 14, 2019
- **Leadership Training Camp at UNC Greeley** **Saturday & Sunday, July 13 & 14**
 - <http://vivaceproductions.com/workshops/band-leadership-training/>
 - Cost: \$300 (includes lodging & meals); registration deadline: June 28, 2019

ANY QUESTIONS? ASK MR. CRUSE



LEADERSHIP TEAM APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

Name: _____

Position Applying For: _____

Current GPA: _____ Email Address _____ Phone: _____

The Student Leadership Application is designed to:

- 1. *Demonstrate commitment to the program*
- 2. *Display student creativity*
- 3. *Set a tone for the student leadership team*
- 4. *Publicize and recruit for your program*
- 5. *Serve as an educational activity, even if the student is not chosen for the position*

The successful completion of your application will allow all evaluators to assess the various qualities of your application via your written words and actions. The essay questions should give us and the yourself a wealth of opportunities to display your knowledge, commitment, and creativity.

Perhaps the greatest benefit in this application is that it is a WIN/WIN for you, the student, and our instrumental music program. By merely applying, you will be forced to examine yourself and assess who you are and what you believe. Our instrumental music program wins because we obtains a more thorough and clear student perspective.

Please turn in the following by Tuesday, April 30th:

- This Application Form signed by you and your parent/guardian
- Written elements for your interview on May 6th:
 - 2 Letters of Recommendation
 - An up-to-date transcript of all high school academic grades
 - Your typed response to the essay questions

Please understand that, if chosen, you will be held to a higher standard of **behavior, performance, and work ethic** than your peers **in all classes**. You must be willing to make that sacrifice so that others around you may succeed. Serving in this capacity will not only provide others with a better experience, but will provide you with a tremendous growth opportunity that will serve you for years to come. *Additionally, by applying and signing below, you commit to remaining an active part of the music program, regardless of the outcome.*

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



ESSAY QUESTIONS

Name: _____

No more than five sentences per response - be as concise and clear as possible!

Why do you want to be a Drum Major (or Section Leader)?

What do you feel is the most important trait of an effective leader?

If you had one goal (personal or for the ensemble), what would it be and why?