



Mountain View High School

Marching Band

Leadership Packet

Fall 2022

Welcome and thank you for your interest in being a Student Leadership position for the 2022 Marching Band Season. I hope you will find the application process interesting and enriching, regardless of the outcome. This application process represents a departure from the standard way of selecting student leaders. Please read the entire packet before submitting your application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Good luck, and work hard to best represent yourself throughout this process.

Application Process:

- Fill out the application below.
- Answer essay questions. All responses should be typed and submitted with the application.
- Peer referral.
 - Find two fellow members of the MVMB that thinks you will be a good choice for the leadership team. They can be '21 leaders, non-leaders, or graduating seniors. They can be individuals in or out of your section.
- Teacher/Coach referral.
 - Find one adult that thinks you will be a good choice for the leadership team. That person can be a teacher, private instructor, coach, or club advisor. Mr. Alegria and/or other MVMB staff members are not eligible.
- Interview.
 - All candidates will be interviewed by Mr. Alegria and possible other staff members. Signup times will be posted via Google Link.
- Drum Majors Only.
 - Those who are applying for Drum Major must submit a conducting sample. All candidates will record themselves conducting the **3rd Movement of *Blue Horizons***.

Student Leader Expectations:

- I am a respected member and potential leader of my section.
- I am a competent musician and respected player in my section.
- I am a positive, active, and dedicated member of the Mountain View Music Program.
- I am committed to playing, marching, and memorizing music/drill at a high level, so I can assist others in doing the same.
- I am a team player and will promote band unity through my attitude and attendance at band and leadership events.
- I understand that playing, marching and attendance expectations are higher for student leaders.
- I understand that student leaders are expected to arrive early and stay late for rehearsals and performances.
- I will schedule additional help/sectionals for my section as needed.
- I will hold my section accountable for learning their music and drill.
- I will hold my section accountable for bringing the required materials (music, drill book, pencil, ect).
- I will support Mr. A, the staff, and the best interest of the Mountain View Marching Band.
- I will attend all leadership meetings/trainings and all rehearsals.

Your Candidacy Will Be Judged on the Following Criteria:

- Past performance
- Quality of your application
- Future leadership potential
- Best fit for the individual and organization
- Preference will be given to those who are in a year-long music class (band, orchestra, or choir).

Leadership Positions:

- **Drum Major** - Organizing and leading Music and Visual sectionals, supporting the Adult Staff/Directors, and setting the example musically and visually. Tasks include but are not limited to conducting the marching band show, leading sectionals/warm-ups, helping with the mechanics of rehearsal (i.e. podium setup, long ranger/met, etc.)
- **Section Leader/Captain** - Organizing and leading Music and Visual sectionals, supporting the Drum Majors/Adult Staff/Directors, and setting the example musically and visually. This includes drumline, front ensemble, and colorguard.
- **Assistant Section Leader** - The Assistant Section Leader position is a support role for the Leaders of each Section and will be held to the same high standards. One of the primary duties consists of organizing fun and safe activities that are outside our normal rehearsal schedule.

Essay Questions: On a separate piece of paper, please provide responses to the following. Responses must be typed.

- List all leadership experience you have had and how they would contribute to your selection to the MVMB Leadership Team.
- Share an experience where you witnessed outstanding leadership.
- Why do you want to be on the Leadership Team?
- How can YOU contribute to the success of the MVMB? What do you bring to the table that is unique?
- What are your goals for the 2022 marching band season?

When completing this application, be thorough, creative, and honest. Do not say what you think your teacher might want to hear. Say what you really think. Leaders are people who can offer something new and different to the organization. This application process is structured so that you will gain insights into yourself as a person, so please be honest and detailed. You need to open up and show the person who you truly are and what you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to participate in the position you apply for is not the point. Dig deep inside, answer the questions with the intent of learning something new. Please do not fill out this application unless you are prepared to participate in the leadership training process.

