**Leadership Application Packet 2017- 2018**  
Due Thursday, May 11th

Welcome and thank you for showing an interest in being a part of the Student Leadership Team. ***I hope you will ﬁnd the application process to be interesting and enriching regardless of the outcome.*** This application represents a signiﬁcant departure from the standard way of selecting student leaders. If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. Good luck, and work hard to best represent yourself through this process.

**There are 6 items in the application process:**

*1. Written Application*

*2. One to two-page paper*

*3. Interview with Band Staff*

*4. Give Interview with a faculty member or administrator*

*5. Service Project*  
*6. Dazzle the BAND!!*

**When completing the application, be thorough, complete, creative, and honest.** Don’t say what you think we 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 thorough. You need to open up and show the person that you truly are, or what you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to participate in the ofﬁce you apply for is not the penultimate point. So, dig deep inside, answer the questions, and complete the service project 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.**

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**LEADERSHIP DESCRIPTIONS**

**Drum Majors** *(3)*

* Primary leaders of the Marching Band
* Determined by Student Voting (20%) / Director’s Choice & Application Process (40%) / Formal Audition before an Outside Panel (40%)
* Formal Auditions on Friday, May 19th from 4:30-6:30 pm
* Must complete application packet
* Instead of interviewing with the directors, each candidate will conduct in front of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th periods on Friday, May 19th, and the formal auditions.

**Band Captain / Co-Captain** *(1 of each)*

* Student representatives for band / Assigned specific duties (bus lists, loading crew, instrument inventory, etc.)
* All candidates will be placed in one pool of applicants / Determined by Student Voting (60%) and Director’s Choice (40%)
* Must be an upcoming Junior or Senior
* Must complete application packet
* Instead of interviewing with the directors, each candidate will give a formal speech in front of 1ST, 2ND , 3rd, 5th, & 6th periods on Thursday, May 18th

**Section Leaders/ Guard Captain/ Percussion Captain** *(1 per section / 2 for sections with 12 or more members)*

* Leads & oversees assigned section
* Determined by Director’s Choice (60%) / Student Voting (40%)
* Must complete application packet
* Leadership Interviews will take place during class on Monday, May 15th & Tuesday May 16th (may need to finish afterschool)

**Music Library Officers** *(2)*

* Organizes and runs the music library; issues music parts
* Determined by Director’s Choice (60%) / Student Voting (40%)
* Must complete application packet
* Leadership Interviews will take place during class on Monday, May 15th & Tuesday May 16th (may need to finish afterschool)

**Uniform Room Officers** *(2)*

* Organizes & runs the uniform room; inventories uniforms; assists in distribution of uniform parts
* Determined by Director’s Choice (60%) / Student Voting (40%)
* Must complete application packet
* Leadership Interviews will take place during class on Monday, May 15th & Tuesday May 16th (may need to finish afterschool)

**Facilities/Equipment Officers** *(2 or 3 as needed)*

* Inventories, organizes, distributes, and maintains equipment and neatness of ANY facility the band uses *(instrument room, band room, Field, Stands, etc.)*
* Determined by Director’s Choice (60%) / Student Voting (40%)
* Must complete application packet
* Leadership Interviews will take place during class on Monday, May 15th & Tuesday May 16th (may need to finish afterschool)

***LEADERSHIP APPLICATION***

**Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Check positions you are applying for: \_\_\_Drum Major \_\_\_Band Captain/Co-Captain**

**\_\_\_Section Leader/Guard or Percussion Captain for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Section)**

**\_\_\_Uniform Officer \_\_\_Music Library Officer \_\_\_ Facilities/Equipment Officer**

**Current Cumulative GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ # of Discipline Referrals during 2015-16 School Year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Reasons for Discipline Referrals\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Are your band fees paid in full? \_\_\_\_\_\_ If “no”, when can I expect them to be paid by? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**ALL Applicants must meet the following requirements:**

* **Minimum of 2.5 GPA**
* **Less than three discipline referrals during the 2015-16 School Year**
* **Band Fees currently paid up**
* **Student must qualify for band letter or year stripe during the current school year**

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**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

*1. Fill out and turn in the above application with your packet.*

*2. On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions in a* ***one to two-page essay****:*

* *Briefly explain why you believe you are qualified for this position:*
* *What are your greatest personal strengths?*
* *What are some areas in which the organization could improve and how would you improve them?*
* *What are your objectives for the next school year in the office you would hold?*
* *What (if anything) would you do differently than last year’s officers?*
* *Describe schedule conflicts (job, other commitments, etc.) that you may encounter and how you plan to handle this.*
* *How would you handle the disappointment if you were not selected for this/these position(s)*

*3.* ***Formal Interview with the band directors.*** *Just like any job interview, you will be interviewed by the band directors and staff.*

*Make sure you have the questions above ready to be verbally answered and be ready for anything! Professionalism is key! (Band Captain/Drum Major candidates are exempt from this part)*

*4.* ***Interview an administrator or faculty member on campus*** *and ask them for their views on leadership. Band staff*

*members cannot be your choice. Write down your questions and answer on a separate piece of paper. Then YOU answer the following questions on that same piece of paper:*

* *What did you learn from your conversation?*
* *How are their ideas different from yours?*

*5.* ***Complete a service project for the organization or school.*** *The scope and duration of the project are at your discretion but it is required to be a minimum of 1 hour. You may choose something that you think needs to be done or improved upon at Milton High School minus the band room or in the community. If you have any questions about the validity of your chosen project, please speak with the band directors prior to starting it. Make sure you have a supervisor sign-off on the project with a statement as to what you did. Your service project is due no later than May 11th 2017.*

*6.* ***Dazzle the BAND!***  *This is where you have the opportunity to show your creative side. You may do anything that you deem appropriate to convince the band that you are able to “think outside the box” and address issues in a different manner. This is the portion of the application where you should expect to learn the most about yourself as an individual. Therefore, take a risk here. Once again, this should be fun for you and the organization. Anything that is done in and around the band room is considered a “dazzle”. Due no later than May 11th. No part of your project should leave permanent marks on any school equipment or facilities.* Please make sure you explain what your Dazzle was on a separate piece of paper

**Rules for #6:** **HAVE FUN WITH THIS!** There will be no class time given unless approval from the band directors is given prior to the event and the band directors should not be a part of the execution of this task.

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**Those selected for the student leadership team must accept and live up to the following statement:**

***I hereby understand that If selected I will be expected to******attend all Leadership meetings and event, rehearsals and performances, come early, and stay late.*** *Further, I am aware that there will be numerous times over the course of the school year in which I will be expected to participate in managerial tasks for the program that require an additional time commitment. I know that I will be held to a higher standard of performance and behavior both in school as well as outside of school and will act as such and support the band and its staff at all times. If I fall short of these expectations, I understand and agree with whatever action deemed necessary to rectify the situation. I also, understand that the band directors reserve the right to disqualify me from my position at any point, should the need arise.*

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.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The success of the Mighty Black & Gold Band is directly related to the effectiveness and commitment of the student leaders, and their ability to inspire hard work and lead their peers to excellence. All of the finest equipment, all of the hours of planning, all of the creative ideas, hard work, investment of time, and all of the best wishes of our supporters have very little meaning if our leaders fail to inspire quality performance. Even more important than their ability to perform is the ability of our leaders to set a good example as human beings and to encourage others to follow their lead.

*Please understand your important role within the Band organization and strive to fulfill it to the best of your ability.*

***TOGETHER WE AR THE MIGHTY BLACK & GOLD!***

**When submitting:** **Please make sure that all elements are enclosed in one package and are clearly labeled with your name. Any elements of your submission that you would like returned need to be labeled as such.**