

MBPA Band & Color Guard Financial Aid Information:

The Memorial Band Parent Association understands the financial commitment of high school band and color guard is a big one and we want to help and support those in need. The MBPA will provide, for those that qualify, subsidization of registration fees and private lesson costs up to but not to exceed 50% of the total expense. The percentage of subsidization for registration fees and private lesson fees within a calendar year will be determined by the number of qualified applicants against the total amount budgeted for financial aid, within the MBPA's yearly budget. The MBPA budget includes a specific budget for Band and Color Guard registration fees and a budget for private lesson fees for band students. The budgeted amount for each line item is subject to change from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Fee Subsidization Example:

MBPA Registration Financial Aid Budget = \$3,000.00

Registration Fee for 2022/23 school year = \$500.00 per student

5 financial aid application submitted and approved

\$3,000.00 (budget allocation) divided by 5 (applications) = \$600.00/applicant

50% of the registration fee = \$250.00

Each applicant would receive the maximum subsidization amount of \$250.00 based upon the \$600.00 allotment per applicant

The remaining budget at the conclusion of Fall registration for Band and Color Guard will then be allocated for registration assistance for Winter Guard. Any remaining funds after Winter Guard is concluded will be held until the budget is determined for the new year and passed by the MBPA General Membership.

Applicants must demonstrate/submit the following (Please note that application does not guarantee approval or award):

1. **Financial Need:** This can be demonstrated based on participation in the free or reduced lunch program through FISD. If the student is not enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program, parents/guardians are asked to provide reason for the financial hardship and the award of financial assistance will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
2. **Academic Performance:** The student must be academically eligible, per FISD requirements, to participate in band or color guard and to qualify for MBPA financial assistance. Failure to be/remain academically eligible will result in denial or forfeiture of financial assistance. The Memorial Band Director will confirm and monitor academic performance and provide confirmation to the MBPA Board that the student is academically eligible.
3. **Fundraising:** Participation in fundraising activities throughout the school year is required of all students receiving financial aid. Students and families are not required to donate goods or financial support in respect to the fundraisers. Participation in the raising of funds and the activities to support are expected.
4. **Volunteerism:** MBPA Financial Aid families (defined as parents, legal guardians, siblings, or the student seeking assistance) must agree to a collective 4 hours or more of MBPA volunteering, within the school year, to qualify for financial assistance and remain in good standing. Volunteer hours will be tracked and validated and subject for review and consideration when considering future financial aid requests.

Financial aid support provided by the MBPA will apply to the academic year, defined by the Frisco ISD academic calendar. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and if funds allocated for an academic year are depleted prior to addressing all applications, the MBPA will announce that applications for financial support will no longer be accepted until the next academic school year. Application for financial assistance will occur in the following cadence:

- a. Fall Band and Color Guard Registration financial assistance – apply yearly
- b. Winter Guard Registration – apply yearly
- c. Private Music Lessons – apply each semester

All applications for MBPA Financial Aid will remain private and confidential and will only be accessible by the Memorial Band Director and the MBPA Treasurer. The MBPA Treasurer will be responsible for the redaction of all personal information (names, contact details, and student ID information) prior to presenting the application to the MBPA Board for review and voting.

All financial aid is subject to denial or revocation if application requirements and guidelines are not met. The denial of financial aid or revocation will occur if:

- Fall Registration fees are not paid in full by the indicated date established and communicated via Registration information
- Winter Guard Registration fees are not paid in full by the indicated date established and communicated via Registration information
- Parent/Guardian falls out of good standing with Private Lesson Instructors and the financial agreement established between the two parties

MBPA Financial Aid applications will be sent directly to the Memorial Band Director and the MBPA Treasurer. Applications will be provided to the MBPA Board during monthly Board meetings for review, consideration, and vote. Memorial Band staff's input will be included in the evaluation process, but sole award of financial support will be at the discretion of the MBPA Board and determined by a majority vote.

The Parent/Guardian who applied for MBPA Financial Aid, will be contacted by the MBPA Treasurer, to provide application status (approved or denied). Please allow a minimum of two weeks for application processing and review.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process, the MBPA Financial Aid guidelines and requirements, please contact the MBPA Treasurer at treasurer@memorial.band or the Memorial Band Director.

Applications for MBPA Financial Aid can be found at the following websites:

Registration Financial Assistance Application: <https://form.jotform.com/232216043561143>

Private Lessons Financial Assistance Application: <https://form.jotform.com/232206588566161>