



Request for Student Financial Assistance
Ponderosa Band Booster Club
CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT

PHS Band Booster Fundraising Philosophy:

Every band program in Colorado struggles to generate the necessary funds to keep their program afloat. Most neighboring schools use a “mandatory fundraising” approach to support their band program. While on the surface they may charge significantly less to participate in their band programs, they require every family to fundraise considerable amounts of money to support the program. These commitments may come in the form of an obligation to work shifts selling concessions at sports stadiums, requirements to donate items to silent auctions, compulsory selling of discount cards or simply pledging “I will raise \$500 during the year”.

Ponderosa Band has adopted a fundraising philosophy that allows families to decide for themselves just how much they care to fundraise. Many families fundraise extensively throughout the year, others prefer to simply pay the fees and not fundraise at all, and lastly some families take advantage of our financial assistance program by demonstrating they need help covering band fees.

Fundraising takes place throughout the year. Many families cover all their band costs by using our store voucher program (FundIT) where a percentage, typical ranging from 2% up to 20%, of everyday store expenditures are credited directly back to band accounts. Several families cover all band expenses via a single fundraiser like Christmas Trees or Peach sales. We also provide non-selling fundraising via phone book deliveries.

The band boosters will do their very best to work with families so all students can participate. The treasurer can set up monthly payments and it is now possible to pay participation costs via credit card.

If Band Participation Fees present a financial hardship to your family, please complete a confidential *Request for Financial Assistance Form* at the beginning of the season that your student is participating in. You may e-mail the form to either the treasurer or president or mail it to PHS Band Boosters, P.O. Box 2152, Parker, CO 80134-2152.

Financial assistance applications are evaluated by the Booster Board of Directors. While discussing the applicant’s circumstances may reveal their identity, every effort is made to keep this entire process confidential. Only the treasurer and booster president is typically aware of applicant’s names. If at all possible, the identity of families and students seeking financial assistance are not disclosed to the director or any school personnel.

Available funds for financial assistance vary, but some assistance is almost always available.



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Name of Student _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names _____

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Home Phone _____

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Email _____

Reason for request

There are several ways, through fundraising, season registration fees can be paid. It is a time commitment from both Parents/Guardians and student. We need your support to have our program. With all our volunteers' support, our band program can grow, improve and succeed. **We need you!** Your time, talents and effort will help support our organization and help your student.

Here is a list of our major fundraising activities, in which I will commit to participating (*please check all that apply*):

- Peaches fundraiser (student receives \$9 credit for each box sold)
- Apples fundraiser (student receives \$10 credit for each box sold)
- Christmas tree, wreath, and centerpiece fundraiser (students receives 40 to 50% of sales credited to their account depending on products sold)

Here is a list of volunteer activities I would be willing to participate in to support the program.

- I can help provide meals for students at competition events.
- I can chaperon or drive students to events
- I can help move instruments onto field
- I can help load the instruments on the bus

Student Signature (optional) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____