

## Policy for Tuition Assistance

The Tahoma Band Boosters are dedicated to making it possible for every willing and able student to participate in the Tahoma Band Program.

Anyone wishing to receive band tuition assistance must fill out a tuition assistance application. All applicants will be notified via email whether or not they will receive financial assistance and how much help they will receive.

Please note that this band "tuition" covers the entire field show season and it costs you and your family about half, per student, of what it costs to put on the field show.

Tuition assistance will be based on the following criteria.

- Financial Need
- Willingness and commitment level of student in the band program
- Instrumentation needs of the Tahoma Band Program
- Willingness of family to be available to help with band events
- Families who are part of the reduced school lunch program are usually eligible for assistance, please see the school counseling office for more information.

Most tuition assistance will be partial tuition assistance based on financial need of the student and his/her family. Need for financial assistance, amount you are able to contribute to your student's tuition, etc can all be explained on the Tuition Assistance Form available on the Tahoma Band Booster website ([www.tahomabandboosters.org](http://www.tahomabandboosters.org)) "Contact Us" page.

Expectations of tuition assisted students

- Obvious home preparation of music for rehearsals
- Must be a team contributor to the program (home practice, rehearsal effort, attitude, etc)
- Excellent attendance at rehearsals and performances
- Appropriate rehearsal and concert behavior
- Participate in all fundraising activities available to students through the band program

Expectations of tuition assisted families

- Volunteer (if possible) for at least one Tahoma Band event
- Support your student in their efforts to become a better musician (encourage practice, help get your student to rehearsals and performances, etc)

Tuition assistance can be revoked for the following reasons

- Evident lack of practice of Tahoma Band music

- Lack of team attitude toward band
- Lack of attendance at rehearsals and/or performances
- Disruptive or inappropriate rehearsal or performance behavior

\* Note: Two written warnings will precede the third step of revoking tuition assistance.