



Vista High School Regimental Band and Pageantry Corps Program Cost and Pledge Information

Dear Parents, Band/Pageantry Members:

Thank you once again for supporting your student in their decision to be a part of this award-winning program! Each of us understands the reality that school districts are not funding this type of activity for our students. Each year, the cost of our program goes up, and the District's ability to provide funding goes down. This transfers the financial burden to the students and support organizations like the Vista High School Regimental Band Boosters.

As the parent/guardian of a Vista High School Regimental Band and Pageantry Corps member, YOU are a Booster!

As Boosters, our mission is to assist the Band and Pageantry, not only with volunteering, but also with financial support; however, the cost to fund the yearly program is approximately \$150,000 - and the Boosters cannot do this through our fundraising efforts alone.

In order for this amazing program to continue, we are counting on every Booster and student to do their part and help with fundraising. For over 35 years, the commitment of band members and parents has made this program available for our students. We ask that you carry on this proud tradition and commitment to excellence!

- Approximate operational cost of fall program per student: \$1269.00
- Requested pledge per student: \$475 plus \$125 transportation = \$600 (additional siblings \$525)
- Optional Winter Guard or Winter Drum line program = \$200 (plus possible portion of costume amount)
- Expected 2019-2020 total program costs: \$150,000

If you want to know "where the money goes," please attend our monthly Booster meetings and stay up-to-date on the details. You'll see that funds are carefully used to provide our Band and Pageantry students with a high-quality, educational experience. The majority of expenses come in the fall marching season to pay for coaches, transportation, music and drill.

Students will spend approximately 300 hours over the fall semester on rehearsals, football game performances, and tournaments. Your pledge comes out to about \$2 an hour toward your student's training. But here is the real return on investment - at the conclusion of this program, our students know for a fact that they can do anything when they commit, work hard, and leave no one behind. This is truly an investment in their future!

Your personal commitment of \$600 and participation in fundraising are essential to insure that the Vista High School Regimental Band and Pageantry Corps program will continue to foster the highest possible level of performance. Please email fundraising@vistaband.org with any questions or ideas about fundraising options.

Below is a suggested pledge schedule (*please pick one*). You can visit www.vistaband.org and pay via PayPal with whatever payment plan works best for you.

I choose to fulfill my pledge amount in the following manner:

Option 1 - Full pledge at time of the Debut Concert

Option 3 – Set up a PayPal automatic payment plan at <http://www.vistaband.org/pledge-payments.html>

Option 2 - 4 separate payments; 2 for \$100 and 2 for \$200

- 1) \$100 at Parent Orientation/Registration,
- 2) \$100 at Debut Concert, Friday, August 16th
- 3) \$200 at Rehearse-a-thon, Saturday, September 14th
- 4) \$200 Final installment due, Saturday, October 18th

Please understand that the \$600 pledge is for the fall program. We anticipate Winter Guard and Winter Drumline programs to be an additional \$200 by February 1, 2020.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

- Notes:
1. There is also an instrument rental fee for those students who do not have their own instrument.
 2. Students will be required to buy Band Shoes (if they do not have them); cost will be between \$30 and \$40. The Boosters will arrange the ordering during Band Camp in August.