

LH MARCHING BAND LEADER TRYOUTS

2017 GENERAL PROCEDURES & GUIDELINES

DISCLAIMER: STUDENTS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND LEADERSHIP CAMP IN JUNE - NO EXCEPTIONS

ROUND #1

1. To qualify as an applicant a member must meet the following criteria:
 - a. be a current member of the Laurel Highlands High School Marching Band with one year of marching experience.
 - b. have a grade point average of 3.0.
2. Qualified applicants must:
 - a. complete the online application form at www.lhbands.org. The application process will require specific information as well as the following:
 1. receive a favorable evaluation from high school faculty members.
 2. receive a favorable evaluation from the high school band director.
 3. signed and completed memo of understanding form by parent and student.
 - b. All candidates will conduct the band on **Wednesday Nov. 8th** at regular rehearsal. Prior to conducting, each candidate will draw one of the following tunes from band's repertoire to conduct. Candidates, therefore, must be prepared to conduct all three of the following options: SCORES WILL BE AVAILABLE DIGITALLY IN YOUR REMIND TEXTS.
 - "AZTEC FIRE"
 - "UMA THURMAN"
 - "IN THE STONE"
5. The full band will vote following this audition with each member voting for two candidates of his/her choice. From this voting a list of finalists will be selected. The results will be posted in a REMIND TEXT following rehearsal that evening.
6. Failure to successfully satisfy any responsibility in the application/try-out process will result in the immediate disqualification from the remaining try-out procedures.

ROUND #2

The finalists will go through a 3-step process

Step #1

1. The finalists for drum major will submit their personal responses to the three questions stated below. These answers need not be lengthy - please be direct and to the point. The answers should be typed and ***no longer than one page total***. **FINALISTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA REMIND TEXT AFTER BAND ON Wednesday, Nov. 8th**
2. These responses need to be submitted to Mr. Santore by 2:27p.m. on **November 9th**. These will be posted for the band, band staff, and audition committee to read. The questions are as follows:
 - a. WHAT EXPERIENCES OR QUALIFICATIONS DO YOU BRING TO THE POSITION OF DRUM MAJOR?
 - b. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS AN AREA, PROCEDURE, OR DETAIL OF OUR MARCHING BAND OPERATION YOU CAN HELP TO IMPROVE AS DRUM MAJOR?
 - c. WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE PRIMARY AREA OF SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY AS DRUM MAJOR?

Step # 2

1. The finalists will conduct the full band once again on **November 9th during rehearsal**. This final round the finalists will conduct an entire piece of their own choosing from the 2017 season. The song you select can be the same as the song you conducted the first round.
2. The full band will vote again for the candidate of his/her choosing. Each member will vote for two candidates.

Step # 3

1. Each finalist will meet individually with the band staff and audition committee for a short question/answer session. Times for the "interview" will be posted on the band room bulletin board. All candidates will need to sign up for a time.

Final Selection Process

1. The band's vote will count as 25% and the band staff/audition committee's vote will count as 75%
2. The successful candidate(s) will be announced after the director of bands has reviewed all the applications and scores.