



OHHS 25/26 Color/Winter Guard Leadership Application



As our program grows, a Captain, Co-Captain & Lieutenants are needed to help lead the Color Guard & Winter Guard seasons. When the season calls for it (when the show requires multiple sections), section leaders may also be chosen to make sure that every member is able to get the help they need.

Do not be afraid to apply for leadership. You are not just thrown in without guidance. Your instructors will teach you and your former leaders (alumni) will be available to help you.

NOTE: 2022/23 was the the first year we had our leaders extend through the winter season. We will determine whether new/restructured leadership is needed for winter by overiewing the fall season and conducting interviews.

Being chosen for leadership is a privilege, and can be revoked at any time if the staff sees fit. It is a leadership role that requires self-discipline and dedication. As a member of the Wildcat Show Band Leadership, you must fulfill any leadership team duties assigned by the Band Director, Color Guard Instructor, other staff members, or Drum Major(s).

Leadership Auditions will occur after general auditions - May 20th, 6pm-8pm.

Your actions and performance during Audition Camp and previous seasons will also be considered as part of your audition. Captain(s), Co-Captain(s) and Lieutenant(s) will be announced at the first required Color Guard meeting.

Students auditioning for Captain or Lieutenant must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current Oak Harbor School District student and have completed **ONE** of the following:
 - at least one marching season with the OHHS Color Guard *PLUS* one season with OHHS Winter Guard
 - at least one marching season with Show Band (as a band member) *PLUS* one season with OHHS Winter Guard.
- Fill out the leadership packet, complete with all questions answered and attached essay.
- Create original choreography - details attached.
- Participate in an interview that will be conducted on Leadership Audition day.
- Exhibit quality leadership skills; Honesty, Dependability, Responsibility, Respect of Authority, Respect of Peers, and ability to work well in Band during all times leading up to auditions. While the packet matters, your everyday attitude & behavior will be judged on the same level.
- If chosen for a leadership position you must attend all rehearsals, leadership meetings, competitions, and football games.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

Captain: Responsible for assisting the color guard instructor(s), keeping the team on track, offering help to those having trouble with choreography/skills, making sure that everyone is prepared for all games and competitions (this includes hair, make-up, accessories, and proper uniform), and being the overall leader and example for the rest of the guard. It also goes without saying that this member should be one of, if not the most proficient member of the guard. It is expected that you will work collaboratively with band director, guard instructors, drum major(s), section leaders and any additional staff.

Co-Captain: Responsible for assisting the Captain with their duties when warranted. Also assisting the color guard instructor(s), helping members learn choreography/skills, and leading practice when the Captain is working with other members or speaking with the color guard instructor(s) and/or band director. It is expected that you will be proficient and work collaboratively with the Captain. It is at the discretion of the band staff to select more than one person as a Co-Captain for a season. No guarantee that a Co-Captain will be selected.



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Lieutenant: Simply lead by example, by how you support your Captain/Co-Captain, how you follow direction, respond, react and make yourself available to members needing help with not just choreography, but providing additional information when needed. You will have tremendous influence over the newer/younger members of the team and with this you have the opportunity to have a positive impact on their experience as performers. You will constantly be looked to as an example of what is acceptable behavior both at rehearsal and at social functions. It is a great responsibility and you must always remember that you need to set a good example by being a team player. *Lieutenants may also be positioned as specific equipment section leaders as we continue to grow.

LEADERSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Create Original Choreography:

- You must create 1 minute of choreography (around 120 counts) to the music of your choice.
- You must be able to show that you have a strong understanding of basic body movement & flag. For weapon skills, basic beginner's knowledge needed.
- You must write out the original routine in words ON A COUNT SHEET and turn it in **no later than May 16th**.
- Submit your song choice via email **no later than May 16th**.
- Include the name of the song, artist and include the time position in the song as to when your choreography will begin.

Your Interview:

- You will sit with and answer a few questions from your instructors.
- You will perform your original choreography on audition day. Bring your music with you (just in case).
- You will then teach an instructor at least half of your choreography.

Your Essay:

Please write a short essay of 300-400 words answering the following questions, and include it with this application. Please attach it to this form.

- Why are you applying for leadership?
- Why do you think you are a good candidate for leadership?
- How does flexibility, helpfulness and compassion help as leadership attributes?
- How might this leadership experience benefit you beyond your high school years?
- What is your favorite memory of being in the Color Guard?
- Describe your past experience in the Wildcat Show Band, what you enjoyed most and what suggestions you have to boost the program.
- Include additional information about yourself: strengths, weakness, challenges, etc.

Important Reminders

- **May 11th:** Audition Agreement is due.
- **May 13th:** Teacher Forms (progress reports) are due.
- **May 16th:** Leadership Application, essay, song choice and count sheet due. Include the name of the song, artist and the time stamp/position in the song as to when your choreography will begin. You may opt to turn these items in BEFORE the due date.
- **May 20th:** Audition day! 6pm-8pm

First & Last Name: _____



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Email _____ (OHSD email address)

Grade (CIRCLE ONE): 9 10 11 12

Amount of seasons with Fall Color Guard (CIRCLE ONE): 1 2 3 none

Seasons with Winter Guard (CIRCLE ONE): 1 2 3 none

Seasons with Fall Show Band (band member) (CIRCLE ONE): 1 2 3

Position You're Applying for (CIRCLE ONE): Captain Co-Captain Lieutenant

By applying for leadership, you are confirming and committing to (initial each line):

_____ Attending every practice, game, and meeting.

_____ Understanding that your role as a leader will be expected throughout the entire school year and should be reflected in everything you do inside and outside of school.

_____ If not selected, you will respect the instructor's decision and positively support the Color Guard leaders who are selected as well as continue to be an outstanding and supportive member of our guard.

Why is the Color Guard an important part of the Show Band?

Why is the Winter Guard an important program?

Why is leadership important to you and to the guard?



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Define your own strengths and weaknesses. How will you address the weaknesses?

If you were a leader this year, what were your successes? What were your struggles or failures? How will you address the struggles/failures next year if selected?

If you were not a leader this year, what motivated you to step into a leadership role?

To what extent should a leader be held responsible for the people in their section?

What type of non-guard, off campus activity would you like us to consider for team bonding/morale boosting?

Anything else you feel we need to know regarding your application for a leadership position?
