

# Conestoga Marching Pioneer Band Leadership Team Application

Welcome and thank you for showing an interest in being a part of the Student Leadership Team. ***We hope you will find the application process to be interesting and enriching regardless of the outcome.*** If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Nation or Ms. Hesse at any time. Good luck, and work hard to accurately represent yourself throughout this process.

**Your candidacy will be evaluated using the following criteria:**

1. *Past Performance and attendance*
2. *Quality of your application*
3. *Future leadership potential*
4. *Best fit for the individual and organization*

**When completing the application, be thorough, complete, creative and honest.** Do not say what you think your director may want to hear. Say what you really think! Leaders are people who can offer something new and different to the group. This application process is structured so that you will gain insights into yourself as a person, so please be honest and thorough. You need to open up and show the person that you truly are, or what you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to participate in the position for which you apply is not the point. Answer the questions with the intent of learning something new. **Please do not fill out this application unless you are prepared to participate in the new leadership training process. This training process will include a leadership training session during the summer.**

**Positions available (please circle):** Drum Major                      Section Leader

**Applications due:** All applications must be completed and all elements turned in by **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please be prompt and professional with your application. Some positions may require an interview in order to be eligible.

**When submitting your application, please make sure that all elements are enclosed in one package and the package is clearly marked with your name. All applications must be typed. Failure to do so will result in the return of the application to the applicant.**

# Conestoga Marching Pioneer Band

## Leadership Team Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next year: 9 10 11 12

Position(s) applying for \_\_\_\_\_

Current G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate page, please answer the following questions for submission to the Marching Pioneer staff for review. Attach your answer page(s) to this page and submit to Mr. Nation or Ms. Hesse by Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

1. What are your greatest personal strengths and weaknesses? How will you use them in the position for which you are applying?
2. Interview someone on the school campus (student, faculty, staff or administrator) and ask him or her for views on leadership. What did you learn from your conversation? How are the views of this person different from your views? What makes a good leader?
3. What do you believe is the most challenging aspect of the position(s) that you are interested in holding?
4. Briefly describe your experiences as a member of the band.
5. Have you held any other leadership positions in an organization within Conestoga? Outside of Conestoga?
6. To what extent do you feel that being a good role model is important to student leadership?
7. Are you willing to come in early, stay late, and attend extra rehearsals?
8. A member of your section is consistently talking during rehearsal and not following directions. As both a leader and a peer, how do you handle the situation?
9. How have you seen the band improve over your time at Conestoga?

Creating and maintaining an activity is a constant challenge. As a leader, you are responsible for having a direct impact on the quality of the organization.  
**THE WORK YOU PUT IN WILL SHOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE MARCHING BAND.**

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*Please complete and submit as part of your application packet.*

**Please understand that, if chosen, you will be held to a higher standard of behavior, performance, and work ethic than your peers. You must be willing to make that sacrifice so that others around you may succeed. Marching band leadership will include a leadership clinic over the summer, as well as meetings throughout the marching band season. Serving in this capacity will not only provide others with a better experience, but will also provide you with a tremendous growth opportunity that will serve you for years to come!**

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**Student Signature**

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**Parent Signature**

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## Drum Major Audition Requirements

### **All candidates must meet the following requirements:**

1. Must be a veteran member of the Marching Pioneers with at least two years experience.
2. Must be able to attend a drum major & leadership camp at WCU during the summer.
3. Must not be involved in any sport or activity which conflicts with band.
4. Must be present for the entire two weeks of band camp.
5. Must be able to attend **ALL** Marching Pioneer events.
6. Must have a clean school record with regard to drugs and/or alcohol

### **The audition process will include the following:**

1. A conducting excerpt to demonstrate 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 patterns
  - a. Informational drum major meetings will be held to teach the patterns and pass out music. You must attend ONE of these sessions
  - b. Conducting will be evaluated based on correct patterns, clear beat, and stylistic elements
2. Demonstrate proper marching technique:
  - a. Attention
  - b. Parade Rest
  - c. Marking Time
  - d. Roll Step
  - e. 8 to 5 marching
  - f. Backwards march
3. Commands
  - a. Detail, atten. hut
  - b. Band horns up
  - c. Mark time mark
  - d. Band halt
  - e. Band parade rest
4. Personal interview with the marching band staff (to be scheduled later)