

Band Boosters Financial Relief Policy

The Northmont Band Booster program is solely funded by student pledges, band booster fundraisers, Booster Supported Events (BSEs), and donations. While we want to make the program accessible to students regardless of their financial situation, we are able to offer only limited relief towards student participation fees and BSEs. To be eligible, the requested Financial Relief documents must be filled out and submitted to the Band Booster President as early as possible. Financial Relief documents are then reviewed and considered jointly by the Band Boosters executive board and the band director in order to determine whether or not to grant financial relief. **Submission of these documents does not guarantee financial relief**, but they do make it possible for the Board to make an informed decision. The Financial Relief Application outlines the financial expectations of the family as well as affirms the financial commitment the family is willing and able to make. (Note: A Payment Agreement must also be filled out and submitted with the application.) A Financial Relief Recommendation form is also included in the application and seeks input from a Teacher, Principal, or Music Instructor that speaks to the student's character, ability, work ethic, and passion for music. The Financial Relief Application, Payment Agreement, and Financial Relief Recommendation together will provide the necessary information that will enable the Board to fully evaluate the request for financial relief.

Fall Marching Season

Full scholarships are not offered as we believe that all students and band families should contribute in a way that is proportional to their situation. The major factors we consider before forgiving any amount of debt or any BSEs are as follows:

Financial hardship including:

- Parent's/Guardian's loss of job
- Single parent home
- Significant medical stays/ issues

NOTE: Families with multiple siblings already receive financial relief in that they are only required to work one set of BSEs. These families are also encouraged to fill out a Payment Agreement form that outlines an alternative payment schedule for their out-of-pocket fees.

Student participation including:

- Fulfillment of all Student BSEs as described on the current Financial and Fundraising Agreement (FA).

Parent/Guardian participation including:

- Paying at least 33% of their student's Participation Fees as described on the current Financial and Fundraising Agreement (FA) through fundraisers, Scrip, and/or out-of-pocket payments.
- Volunteering for at least \$400 worth of BSEs (in addition to the Northmont Band Premiere BSE assignment below) as described on the current Financial and Fundraising Agreement (FA).
- Fulfillment of the Northmont Band Premiere BSE assignment as described on the current Financial and Fundraising Agreement (FA).

Disney Trip (2017)

Participation in the Disney band trip is optional and no financial relief or assistance is available.

NOTE: If Financial Relief is negotiated for Marching Band, the student will not qualify for the Disney trip, as the boosters cannot be expected to effectively fund the Disney trip under the guise of financial relief.

Winter Guard

This extra-curricular programs is funded entirely by Band Boosters and student co-payments. Debt forgiveness for the winter season would be a rare circumstance. Student participation costs are kept low and are expected to be fully paid/fundraised by the student. A student's eligibility for winter ensemble requires a mandatory deposit, instructor approval/audition and a minimum one-third fulfillment of the fall season fee amount.