



Massachusetts Lions All-State Band

~ SERVING THE YOUTH OF TODAY AND THE LIONS OF TOMORROW ~

November 2014,

Dear Club President:

Plans are underway for the Massachusetts Lions All-State Band and Jazz Ensemble to play at the 2015 State Convention in Mansfield, MA. This year's performance will be under the direction of Paul Alberta, with Peter Tileston conducting the concert band. The first concert will be held at Friday night's banquet (May 1, 2015) and the second will be performed on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The second performance will be for all Lions, as well as for the general public.

The ingredients for a successful program are talented and willing musicians. We are again asking Clubs to sponsor deserving music students. The Lions Club fee per student this year will be \$395.00. This fee includes rehearsal facilities, lodging, transportation, and meals from Wednesday, April 29, 2015 through Saturday May 2, 2015. In addition, each student is responsible for a non-refundable \$95 registration deposit. Total fees for each student are \$490.00.

We thank the clubs that have supported the band over the years, and we look forward to and need your continued support. If yours is one of the clubs who has never sponsored a student, or has stopped sponsoring, please give serious consideration to being a sponsoring club this year. The program provides an extraordinary and challenging musical experience for the students, top notch entertainment for the Lions, Lioness, Leos and guests, an introduction to the Lions organization, and the opportunity to meet and make friends for life.

Start by asking your local high school band director to select the best musical students. (It would be greatly appreciated if you provided more than one applicant per sponsorship as this will help to balance the selection of instruments within the band.) The student(s) fill out the enclosed application with payment and return it no later than February 15, 2016. Make checks payable to the: *MA Lions All-State Band*.

If your Club cannot sponsor a student, the Band will gratefully accept any donation -large or small- to help defray the costs. Last year the actual cost per student was \$594.00, so the band is greatly dependent on the generosity of all the Lions Clubs across the state. If your club would like to consider sponsoring a student but are unable to get a student, we do have students in need of a sponsorship. These students are not sponsored by any club. The money we receive in donations and the fund raisers we do through the year hopefully cover these costs.

Sincerely,

The Massachusetts Lions All-State Band Committee

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Student Application – 2015

** Please note, this is a 2 page form – Music Directors and Parent/Guardians must sign the second page **

Sponsoring Lions Club:		District:			
Student's Name:	Nickname:		Shirt Size:		
Address:					
STREET Home Telephone:		TY	Age:	st Male	ZIP Female
E-Mail Address:			AS OF APRIL 1	, 2015	
School:Address	5.				
Please list any dietary or physical restrictions:	STREET			CITY	ST ZIP
Music Director's Name:	Sch	iool Phor	ne:		
Primary Instrument:	Secondary I	Instrume	nt:		
Do you plan on auditioning for the Jazz Ensemble?	Yes	_No (ple	ease check	one)	
Indicate the part and chair you play in your school's	concert band:	Part:		Chair:	
Indicate the part and chair you play in your school's	jazz band: 🛛 🖡	Part:		Chair:	
Have you been selected for participation in District (Concert Band?		Yes	No	if yes, # of years
Have you been selected for participation in District J	lazz Ensemble?		Yes	No	if yes, # of years
Have you been selected for participation in All-State	e Band?		Yes	No	if yes, # of years
Have you been selected for participation in All-State	a Jazz Ensemble	?	Yes	No	if yes, # of years
Have you studied privately on your instrument?	Yes	No	if ye	es, # of years	
If yes, who is your current teacher?					
List other musical awards you have received:					
List other musical organizations (in or out of school) participated:	in which you h	ave			

Approval to Participate

The above named student is recommended for the 2015 Massachusetts Lions All-State Band and has permission to attend rehearsals and concerts starting at 7 am Wednesday April 29, 2015, and concluding at 5 pm on Saturday May 2, 2015.

Band Director's Signature	Date	School Principal's Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date	Sponsoring Lions Club	Date

Next Steps

All forms and fees must be submitted by February 15th. Shortly after this, a final determination will be made on the successful applicants, and students, Band Directors, and Lions Clubs will be notified. Successful applicants will then receive a packet of further information, details, and release forms.

Parents/Guardians: There is a \$95 non-refundable registration fee that is the student's responsibility and should accompany this application.

Lions Clubs: Please collect the following items for each applicant:

 Completed and signed application 	Mail these items by February 15 ^{th,} 2014 to:
 Full club payment (\$395) 	Betty Harris, ASB Registrar and Chairperson
• Student Fee (\$95)	73 Bradford Jay Road
Please make checks out to:	Holliston, MA 01746
	Contact: harris.betty72@gmail.com
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Music Directors: There will be two performing groups, a concert jazz band and a jazz ensemble, each playing at different times. All students are expected to perform in the concert band, and students will have the opportunity to audition for the jazz ensemble.

One Student Sponsorship Guidelines: If your local Lions Club has agreed to sponsor one student, please send at least three student applications for concert band that includes one woodwind player, one brass player (preferably low bass) and one percussion player.

Two Student Sponsorship Guidelines: If your local Lions Club has agreed to sponsor two students, please send at least five student applications for concert band that includes one high woodwind player, one low woodwind player, one high brass player, one low brass player, and one percussion player.

Your assistance in following these guidelines will help make the selection process much easier and will serve to insure better instrumentation in both groups.