

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE AS A QUICK REFERENCE ABOUT BAND FEES.

Mail the attached page to:

P.O. Box 1304; Munford 38058 prior to the start of Band Camp.



The Munford High School Band Boosters

P.O. Box 1304
Munford, Tennessee 38058
www.munfordband.com

July 1, 2010

Munford High School Band Parent,

The following is an explanation of the fees for your student to be a full-performing member of the Munford High School Marching Band. Please keep in mind that it costs approximately \$900 per student per year to provide the quality program that is traditionally provided through participation in the Munford Band. The majority of these costs are provided through our collective fundraising efforts.

In addition to the Boosters' fundraising proceeds (i.e. Concession Stand, Funnel Cake Sales, Car Wash, Fundraising night at Chili's, etc), there are two fees that every student is responsible for paying.

1. The Band Fee is the minimum fee that is required for each student to pay in order for the band to participate in the numerous performances throughout the year (i.e. band camp staff payments, performance music and drill, entry fees, transportation, uniform & equipment maintenance, etc.). This fee is reviewed and set annually by the Band Boosters Fee Committee and has not changed for the past several years. The Band Fee is \$300 per student (\$225 per student for multiple students in a family). This fee may be paid outright or through a payment plan or through fundraising efforts.
2. The Fair Share Fee was initiated during the 2009-10 Band Season due to a lack of participation in fundraising efforts by many students in the previous years, causing a funding deficit for the organization. The Fair Share Fee is \$100 per student (\$50 per student for multiple students in a family). This fee may be paid outright or through a payment plan or through fundraising efforts.

FAQs

--What is the status of the \$50 deposit we paid in the Spring? That \$50 deposit has been applied to your student's Band Fee debt, so your balance for the year is \$250 (\$175 for siblings).

--How does my student benefit from participating in fundraising activities? The profits from many of our fundraisers are split 50/50 between the band and your student. The first \$100 of the band's share of profit will pay off the Fair Share Fee. The student's share of the profit can be applied to pay the Band Fee, the Fair Share Fee and/or applied to your student's account to be used to pay for the Spring Trip.

--Is the profit from all fundraisers shared with the Band as a 50/50 split? No, not all of them. We let you know if a fundraiser is or is not part of the 50/50 split before they start. Most often the decision is made based upon the record-keeping requirements necessary to award the proper credit to the students. You are encouraged, however, to participate in all fundraisers as they benefit the band and work in the long-run to keep our band fees low.

--Why is it necessary for the band to do so much fundraising? It is important to understand that we receive very limited funding from the Board of Education. The Band Boosters are responsible for the purchase and maintenance of uniforms, many instruments and equipment, transportation, Band Camp staff, music and drill.

--How do I know what my Band Fee, Fair Share and Student Account balances are? CHARMS is a web-based system that MHS Band Boosters uses to keep track of each student's status with respect to Band Fees and Fundraising efforts. When you/your student give us money, the actual money goes into our bank account, however, the information on the total amount (and what it is for) is entered into CHARMS so that you can log-in and see where you are with respect to money/financial obligations. Every student's account has its own password. Freshmen will be issued a password during Band Camp. A card with the log-in information and the password will be available during Band Blowout on July 30th. If you don't have access to this website, need to know your student's account balance or lose your CHARMS password you may contact Debbie at treasurer@munfordband.com.

--What happens to any balance due at the end of the school year? All students with a balance due in April will be referred to Munford High School to be placed on the school debt list.

--How can I ensure my student's account is properly credited? Please make sure that you include your student's name and the purpose of the payment (i.e. Band Fees, Fair Share, Fruit Sales, etc.) in the memo section of your check/money order. If you are paying in cash, put the money in an envelope with your student's name and purpose of the payment on the outside of the envelope. Enclose a note with student's name, purpose and amount in the envelope. Check your CHARMS Account to verify the credit was awarded properly (please be patient as data entry may take up to 2 weeks.)

--Can I roll my child's account over to pay for next year's band fees or band trip? The decision whether or not to allow remaining Band Fee assets to roll over to the following year is evaluated at the end of each year by the Band Boosters Fee Committee. Traditionally, the assets are not allowed to be carried over to the following year. However, within the band year, assets may be transferred between siblings or to another student in need. Assets may also be transferred to parents to help defer their expenses as a chaperone on the Spring trip.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Please sign and mail the attached sheet with your other forms to: P.O. Box 1304; Munford, TN 38058. Thank you for being a member of the Munford High School Marching Band Family. We appreciate you!!!!!!

Debbie Zanot
Treasurer, MHS Band Boosters, Inc.
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IMPORTANT DATES—

BAND FEE—Payment #1 (1/2 of the balance due) due no later than Thursday, July 22nd;
Payment #2 (balance due) due Thursday, September 2nd.

FAIR SHARE FEE—*(if you choose to pay it outright)*—Payment #1 (\$50) due no later than Thursday, August 19th;
Payment #2 (\$50) no later than Thursday, September 30th.

ALL BALANCES DUE (Band Fee, Fair Share Fee, any outstanding balances)—February 1, 2011

MHS Band Fee Payment Preferences (2010-11)

My student(s) name(s) is/are _____/_____. I read the attached information and I understand the Munford High School Band Fee structure. I am the parent responsible for payment of these fees and I choose to make my payments for my student's fees as I have indicated below:

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_____ I will pay my student's Band Fee in multiple installments of \$_____ per month beginning in July. Final payment must be made no later than February 1, 2011. **OR**

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Print Name

Signature

Date

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