

State Champions Now Focus on National Title

Crowned as Tennessee State Champions last Saturday at the U. S. Scholastic Band Association's Invitational in Chattanooga, the Munford High School Band has now received an invitation to vie for a national title in Baltimore Maryland.

Sweeping music, visual and general effect captions, the Munford Band continues undefeated in 2007. To their many awards is also the Grand Championship of the Bandmasters Championship just the week before in the Liberty Bowl. Consistently scoring in the low and mid-nineties and garnering awards for Percussion and Color guard, the MHS Band students are a cut above.

Many hours of rehearsal, most of which began in the 100-degree heat of July, have made for a memorable season. "This is a special show with very special kids," commented Barry Trobaugh, the director of the MHS Band. "We knew that this group was special early. The chemistry and dedication of this group is much stronger than in previous years. We have always had talented and dedicated members, but this year it was just different," added Trobaugh.

Now the difficult part begins. Funding for this endeavor will be challenging and must be completed quickly. Initial information on bus transportation alone is nearly \$30,000.00. Add to this lodging and moving equipment, and one quickly sees that this group needs some financial support. Total estimates of funding needed are approximately \$60,000.00.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for everyone that has ever been involved with our program and I am going to do all I can to see it come to fruition. These kids deserve the right to accept this challenge and be recognized for all the talent and efforts they show each time they put on their uniform," added Trobaugh.

If you can help, contact the Munford Band office at 901 837-5717.