



# Blanchard Bands

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Welcome and thank you for showing an interest in being a part of the Blanchard Band Leadership Council. ***We hope you will find the application process to be interesting and enriching regardless of the outcome.*** This application represents a significant departure from the standard way of selecting student leaders. In addition, some leadership positions have been added or deleted to better fit the current organization. If you have any questions about the process or your application, please do not hesitate to contact the band directors at any time. Good luck, and work hard to best represent yourself through this process.

Your candidacy will be judged on the following criteria:

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

**When completing the application, be thorough, complete, creative, and honest.** Don't say what you think we want to hear. Say what you really think. Leaders are people who can offer something new and different to the organization. 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 who you truly are, or what you aspire to be. Whether you are chosen to participate in the office you apply for is not the penultimate point. Dig deep inside and answer the questions and complete the service project with the intent of learning something new.

<b>Positions available:</b>	<b>Drum Major</b>	<b>Section Leader</b>
	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>
	<b>Uniform Coordinator (2)</b>	<b>Trailer Manager (2)</b>
	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Librarian (2)</b>
	<b>Communications Director (online &amp; newspaper)</b>	
	<b>Class representative (3)</b>	

We encourage everyone applying to pick at least two positions so we can ensure the best fit for the band and for each individual. See the next page for the expectations of each position.

### Applications due:

All applications, including service projects, must be completed and all elements turned in by: **April 16th**

The online application can be accessed via the band website and Charms. Please be prompt and professional with your application. All positions will need to participate in interviews and evaluations with the band directors. You will sign up to schedule an interview at a time that works with your schedule.

### Workshop requirement:

The Scott Lang workshop is on Monday, May 6th. It will be immediately after school (3:30pm) until approximately 7:00pm and we will go to dinner afterwards. Everyone applying for Leadership Council must attend. The cost is \$15 per student.

### When submitting:

Please make sure that you complete the online application and submit all other elements enclosed in one package (envelope, folder, etc.) and clearly label it with your name. If you are unable to submit the online application, please fill out the application form and type all essay answers. Any elements of your submission that you would like returned need to be labeled as such.

### Council Requirements:

Students accepted into the Leadership Council must communicate clearly, follow through with assignments, volunteer to help in various situations, and continuously be willing to step up to serve above and beyond the average band student.

Students will be required to attend monthly Leadership Council meetings, usually held before school. There is an attendance policy, so missing meetings is highly discouraged.

Students must maintain a positive attitude and contribute to the overall well being of the Blanchard Bands.

Students must be a positive representative of the Blanchard Bands at all times and in all places.

Infractions will be dealt with on an individual basis and consequences will range from a verbal warning to removal from the Council.

# Leadership Position Expectations

## Drum Major:

- Help with instruction of marching fundamentals and marching drill.
- Be a sounding board for all section leaders and be willing to help with anyone in any section.
- Conduct the marching band during stand tunes and marching show.
- Communicate regularly with directors on how rehearsals are going.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## President:

- Plan and guide all Leadership Council meetings.
- Communicate with directors regularly about scheduling events.
- Plan and execute the leadership events during summer band and throughout the year.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## Vice-President:

- Perform presidential duties, if president is unavailable.
- Assist the president in the performance of duties.
- Coordinate committee chairs.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## Section Leaders:

- Coordinate sectionals throughout the year.
- Ensure every member of their section knows all basics and fundamentals of marching.
- Pass off each member musically.
- Communicate regularly with directors as to how their section is progressing and if anyone needs special attention.
- Coordinate weekly clean up of the instrument, guard, and percussion rooms.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## Uniform Coordinators:

- Ensure the uniforms are organized and ready for uniform check-out.
- Maintain the cleanliness of the uniform room.
- Organize the loading/unloading uniform racks, shoe bags, and hat boxes at every event.
- Organize the uniforms and all accessories after marching season is over.
- Maintain the concert black closet.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## Trailer Managers:

- Each manager will be in charge of one of the two band trailers.
- Load your specific trailer the most efficient way.
- Ensure every piece of equipment is loaded on your trailer.
- Guarantee every piece of equipment is securely loaded, to prevent damage.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## Secretary:

- Document every Leadership Council meeting.
- Take roll for all Leadership Council meetings and report absences to a director.
- Communicate Leadership Council meeting minutes to the directors.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## Librarians:

- Prepare the flip folders over the summer before summer band begins.
- Maintain the band library (score order, stamping new music, and filing music away).
- Maintain the solo and ensemble library.
- Check in with the assistant director once a month for help with library.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## Communications Director:

- Write several articles recapping band events. (at least 3 articles throughout the year)
- Communicate with the band community on social media.
- Assist other band council members in the performance of their duties as needed.
- Help the band and directors with any extra duties necessary.

## Class Representative (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>):

- This position is not a stand-alone position meaning in order to be a class representative, you must hold a different position on the Leadership Council.
- Listen to your fellow classmates and bring any issues, ideas, concerns, or compliments to the attention of the Leadership Council.
- Communicate the intent behind the actions of the Leadership Council.
- Be an ambassador, a go between, from the core of the band to the Leadership Council to increase understanding and awareness on both sides.

# Blanchard Band Leadership Council Application

Fill out your name, have your parent sign the bottom, and do the rest online unless that is not possible. If not possible, this should be filled out neatly with an ink pen and all responses should be typed and attached to this form.

YOU MUST BRING THIS SIGNED FORM TO YOUR INTERVIEW!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>

Position(s) Applying for \_\_\_\_\_

Current G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please provide a resume. Be sure to highlight your past leadership roles and experiences in all areas.
2. On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions (must be typed):
  - Why do you want to be a member of the Leadership Council?
  - What have you done to qualify yourself for a position on the Leadership Council?
  - What are your greatest personal strengths?
  - What is your greatest personal weakness?
  - What are some areas in which our organization could improve and how would you improve them?
3. Interview someone on your campus (staff, faculty, or administrator) and ask him/her for views on leadership. Who did you interview? What questions did you ask? What did you learn from your conversation? How is this person's view on leadership the same or different from yours? Why do you think we include this on your application?

## Complete the following projects:

4. Complete a service project for the organization. The scope and duration of the project are at your discretion. You may choose something that you think needs to be done, or you may ask the sponsor for a project. If you have any questions about the validity of your chosen project, please speak with the director prior to starting it. You must submit with your application, on a separate piece of paper, a project review that states what your project entailed, who you involved to complete it, and the timeline that it was done in.
5. Dazzle us: this is where you have the opportunity to show your creative side. You may do anything that you deem appropriate to convince us that you are able to "think outside the box" and address issues in a different manner. This is the portion of the application where you should expect to learn the most about yourself as an individual. Therefore, take a risk here. Once again, this should be fun for you and the organization.

**Rules for your dazzle: HAVE FUN WITH THIS!** There will be no class time given without director approval.

- No scavenger hunts
- No food for directors, but food for the entire band will be permitted
  - Do not set time restrictions on the directors
- Anything you do, you must be willing to undo upon request

**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. Serving in this capacity will not only provide others with a better experience, but will 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