

EAGLE LEADERSHIP APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS

2026-2027

Thank you for your interest in applying for a leadership position in the Brandon High School Band Program! Our program’s proud tradition of excellence is due largely in part to outstanding student leadership. We look forward to receiving and reviewing your application as the Eagle Marching Band prepares for another great season!

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATION AND REFERENCE SUBMISSIONS: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

APPLICATION FOR BAND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

PRINT, COMPLETE AND STAPLE WITH THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS WITH THIS AS PAGE 1 AND SHOULD BE ON TOP.

STUDENT NAME: _____

Grade this Fall: 10 ___ 11 ___ 12 ___ No. of years in band (including middle school) _____

Current Unweighted GPA: _____ Instrument: _____

ISS this year? Y N # of Referrals this year: 0 1 2 3 # of Suspensions: 0 1 2 3

Please list (3) leadership areas you are interested in starting with your first choice.

LEADERSHIP ROLES:	LIST YOUR TOP (3) CHOICES
DRUM MAJOR	
BAND CAPTAIN	1. _____
COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN	2. _____
SECTION LEADER	3. _____
LIBRARIAN	
EQUIPMENT MANAGER	
UNIFORM MANAGER	

PREPARATIONS CHECKLIST AND INSTRUCTIONS

INTERVIEWS:

Interviews for leadership are scheduled for various days/times as posted on the band calendar.

____ Sign up outside Ms. Jacob's door for the earliest possible time.

____ Be prepared to answer questions surrounding the following areas:

- Strengths/areas of growth as a leader
- Goals/vision for the Brandon band
- Personal models of great leadership
- Qualities of an exceptional leader
- A verbal resume (what makes you qualified to lead?)
- A brief description of musical achievements

You will demonstrate:

- BHS marching verbal commands: Attention, Horns Up, Mark Time.
- Review commands
- Ability to switch from 4/4 to 3/4 to 2/4 smoothly at 90 bpm.
- 4 measures each with a clear cut-off gesture.

Drum Major Applicants-

____ Prepare to conduct Part 1: No One Mourns the Wicked by Jay David Cook. Scores available from Ms. Jacob with QR Code to the recording (YouTube).

You will be assessed in various areas including score markings, cues, dynamic expression, creativity of gestures, steady tempo, posture, and facial expressions.

____ A leadership help session will be held prior to the audition. We will discuss the fundamentals of conducting and how to best prepare for your audition.

____ Students selected for the drum major, band captain, and guard captain position will be expected to attend the **FSU MARCHING BAND LEADERSHIP CAMP held June 28th– July 3rd, 2026**, on the Campus of Florida State University. Exceptions will only be granted in extreme circumstances.

____ Students are encouraged to speak with and request help sessions from current leadership council members. These are not required but they are encouraged for additional feedback, as is the drum major help session. Students should speak to Ms. Jacob regarding ANY questions about leadership.

____ **All leadership will be required to attend the Gebhardt Leadership Camp, June 15th-18th, at Robinson HS.**

REFERENCES

Reference submissions are due by Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

____ Obtain (3) teacher references.

- Ms. Jacob nor any Brandon band staff will be accepted as a teacher reference.
- Teacher references must be a current **Brandon** faculty member, administrator, or guidance counselor.
- At least two (2) references **MUST** come from teachers **CURRENTLY** instructing you.
- References are limited to (1) performing arts teacher.

____ Obtain (3) student leadership references.

- Student references must be from **CURRENT** Brandon band leadership members.

____ Provide a paper QR code ticket to your references for online reference form access. Paper slips will be available in the band room.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Due: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

COMPLETE, PRINT, STAPLE AND SUBMIT AS PAGES 2/3

RESPONSES MUST BE TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT.

STUDENT NAME: _____

Please answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. How would you uphold the dignity of the band program at Brandon High School and what would you do to help raise the bar for non-leadership students?
2. What makes you the **BEST** choice for leadership?
3. Give concrete examples of how you have demonstrated leadership during your time in the Brandon Band. Examples should include musical, social, and behavioral contributions to the program, the school as a whole and to your fellow band members.
4. How has being a member of the Brandon Band had a positive effect on you?

I verify that all the information above is accurate to the best of my ability and are my own original thoughts and ideas. I understand what is submitted will be checked and false information could result in loss of leadership eligibility.

Student Signature

Date

STUDENT LEADERSHIP – STUDENT COMMITMENT / PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Due: Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

PARENT AND STUDENT MUST READ, PRINT, SIGN, STAPLE AND SUBMIT AS LAST PAGE OF YOUR APPLICATION.

By signing below, both student and parent understands and agrees to meet the following expectations and commitments should the student be selected as part of the Brandon Bands leadership team:

- Support the band director and staff with the utmost respect, dedication, devotion, and loyalty.
- Report early to and attend ALL Brandon leadership and band camps
- Selected drum majors, band captain, and guard captain will be expected to attend the **FSU MARCHING BAND LEADERSHIP CAMP held June 28th- July 3rd, 2026**, on the campus of Florida State University. Exceptions will only be granted in extreme circumstances.
- Attend ALL required guard/percussion camps (if applicable).
- **Attend Gebhardt Leadership Camp at Robinson HS, June 15th-18th, 2026**
- Attend all events on the band calendar for the **2026-2027** school year.
- Help with set-up and tear-down of all band events.
- Arrive prior to call-time to assist with duties and stay after dismissal to ensure areas are clean and orderly.
- Participate in District Solo & Ensemble.
- Audition for the Hillsborough All-County Band.
- Be a positive example to all non-leadership band students and the general school population.
- Be present at ALL band events throughout fall and spring semesters.
- Demonstrate the highest level of musicianship throughout the *entire* year.
- Maintain an acceptable GPA and maintain positive relationships with Brandon teachers/faculty.
- Be present at all leadership meetings.
- Always showcase the appropriate rehearsal etiquette.
- Help less experienced members learn marching and maneuvering skills.
- Be a social liaison for freshmen band students to make them feel welcome and included.
- Be a liaison for middle school band students to encourage community and pride for future Brandon band members.
- Help ensure the success of the Brandon Bands program.
- Be enrolled in a band/color guard course.
- Color Guard Captains will be expected to choreograph and teach performance routines including stand dances, spring showcase routines, winter concert routines, etc.

- *Student leaders are expected to continue to develop their personal techniques as well as leadership skills.*
- *Regardless of a student leader's commitment and dedication, no student leader will "earn" absences or the right to break any commitments/expectations of the Brandon Bands program throughout the school year.*
- *Student leaders are held to a higher standard of musicianship/technique, behavior, and contribution to the band than non-leadership students.*
- *If not chosen, the student will assume their regular role in the band and give full cooperation to the other members selected and the director.*

Parent Name Printed

Parent Signature

Date

Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Date