



2023-2024 Financial Letter

Waxahachie HS Band

Thank you for joining the **Spirit of Waxahachie Indian Band**. Our aim is to teach students valuable life skills that will stay with them forever. We have an exciting show planned for the upcoming season, but it comes with expenses. This overview will explain the costs and payment options for your membership in our band.

Fair Share Fee -Commitment and Coverage

This season, the band will participate in contests in Hurst, Prosper, Duncanville, and the State Marching Contest in San Antonio. The **fair share** cost per student, which includes Winds, Percussion, and Color Guard (including the guard uniform), is \$500 and \$350 for other siblings. There may be additional expenses for uniform accessories and instrument rental. However, students will not be required to make additional payments for travel or meals during band-sanctioned events throughout the season. The Band Boosters operate to help fund many other operating costs incurred by the program in order to keep band fees as low as possible.

Program expenses covered as part of this fee include:

- Professional show design (music, drill, choreography, props)
- Marching and Concert Masterclasses
- Transportation (all football games and contests)
- Overnight lodging (State Marching in San Antonio)
- Meals (all football games, contests and extended rehearsals)
- Contest registration fees
- Gloves for winds/percussion, member uniform shirt
- Gallon Thermos Juguzzi Covers W/ Logo

Additional non-covered expenses could include:

- Smartmusic (\$15.00)
- Marching band shoes (\$45.00)
- Poncho (\$11.00)
- Reeds
- Black socks
- Athletic shirt and shorts
- Color Guard shoes, makeup, gloves, rifle

Fair Share Fee -Payment Options

Each parent's commitment to the full and timely payment of their fees is critical to our ability to honor and maintain the financial obligations necessary to operate the program. A fee schedule is provided below if you wish to pay in installments. You may pay in full at any time. Please contact Chrissy Holmberg at waxahachiebandtreasurer@gmail.com for more information on payment assistance or if a different payment plan is necessary for your situation.

Payment Schedule

- On or before June 3rd - \$250
- On or before August 1st - \$150
- On or before September 1st - remainder

Fee Remittance

- You may pay fees online, cash, check
- Pay online directly from Quickbooks emailed invoice (if you do not receive an invoice, please contact waxahachiebandtreasurer@gmail.com)
- Cash or Check written to "Waxahachie Band Booster" with child's name and "band fees" on the memo line and put in the black box

Fair Share Fee – Financial Assistance

We understand that hardships can arise and want to ensure every student has the ability to participate in band. The **Band Fee Assistance Program** is intended to help cover expenses in order to minimize the financial burden to families in need. There are two ways to receive assistance:

1. **Student Band Fee Scholarship:** Students may be eligible to receive a full or partial Band Fee Scholarship for the 2023-2024 season. Scholarships are limited and based on funds available.
2. **Student Band Fee Extended Payment Plan:** Students who do not qualify for a scholarship may be eligible for the Band Fee Extended Payment Plan, allowing smaller payments over a longer period.

Get financial assistance forms online at <http://www.spiritofwaxahachie.com/Fundraising/Fundraising.htm>.

Or contact a band director for an emailed form.



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Fundraising Opportunities

Car Wash (June 10)

Collect pledges for the band's car wash. The pledged money will be submitted to the band and credited to your account. Ensure that the money is placed in the designated black box with your name and "car wash" clearly written on it. The band usually washes 250-300 cars for this event on June 10th.

Garage Sale (June 10)

Families bring their garage sale items to the Lumpkins Stadium parking lot and sell them. The money collected will be submitted to the band and credited to your account. Please ensure that the money is placed in the designated black box with your name and "garage sale" clearly written on it. Most families typically earn between \$100 and \$250.

Volunteer Credits (Football Season)

Students, parents, family members, friends, and others have the opportunity to work in our concessions during varsity, junior varsity, freshman, and junior high football games. By participating, you will earn credits that can be applied towards the current year's student band fees. Please provide a clear signature for us to credit your student's account. *Concession credits are limited to the total amount of band fees charged in 2023-2024. Credits can be applied to current or future year's band fees.*

Amount of Credit Earned for Games

- \$40 for each varsity football game
- \$20 for all other football game (for nights with two games, you will receive \$20 for each game)

Student acquired business sponsorship

The success of our Waxahachie band program relies heavily on donations and fundraising. The Sponsorship Program is a way to help alleviate costs for students and enhance the overall WHS band program. **Students who acquire a business sponsorship receive 50% of donations** for band fair share fees until current (23-24) band fees are paid in full. Act now to meet all the deadlines.

Students may solicit business sponsorships for the band. This money will be allocated to the band, to the student's account (up to current year's band fees), and to scholarship fund. To count, the sponsorship form is to be emailed to fundraising@spiritofwaxahachie.com and payment must be received. All forms and money need to be received by August 15, 2023. Each business will receive all the benefits of sponsorship of the band including ad on screen at Lumpkins during half-time at most Varsity games.

50% of the donation will go directly to the band's general funds.

50% of the donation will go directly to the student's band fees (up to the current year's student's band fees)

The Waxahachie Band Boosters are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Businesses or individuals who donate to the general fund can request a [tax receipt](#) and are eligible for deduction.