



OHHS 2024 Winter Guard Leadership Application

As our program grows, a Captain, Co-Captain & Lieutenants are needed to help lead the Color Guard & Winter Guard seasons. When the season calls for it (when the show requires multiple sections), section leaders may also be chosen to make sure that every member is able to get the help they need.

Do not be afraid to apply for leadership. You are not just thrown in without guidance. Your instructors will teach you and your former leaders (alumni) will be available to help you.

NOTE: 2022/23 was the first year we had our leaders extend through the winter season. For the 2024 Winter Season, we have determined that the opportunity to returning members to audition for leadership roles should be made available. Our current Captain will remain and openings for Co-Captain(s) and lieutenant(s) are available.

Being chosen for leadership is a privilege, and can be revoked at any time if the staff sees fit. A leadership role requires self-discipline, dedication and commitment. As a leader in Winter Guard, you must fulfill any leadership team duties assigned by the Band Director, Winter Guard Director, Instructors & your Captain.

Leadership Auditions will occur after overall auditions - November 27, 1:30pm-3:00pm.

Your actions/performance during Audition Camp and previous seasons will be considered as part of your audition. Any Co-Captain(s) and Lieutenant(s) chosen will be announced at the first required Winter Guard meeting on November 28th.

Students auditioning for Co-Captain must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current Oak Harbor School District student and have completed **ONE** of the following:
 - at least one full marching season with the OHHS Color Guard *PLUS* one season with OHHS Winter Guard.
 - at least one full marching season with Show Band (as a band member) *PLUS* one season with OHHS Winter Guard.

Students auditioning for Lieutenant must meet the following requirements:

- Be a current Oak Harbor School District student and have completed **ONE** of the following:
 - one full marching season with the OHHS Color Guard
 - one full season with OHHS Winter Guard

What Applicants Need:

- Fill out the leadership packet, complete with all questions answered and attached essay.
- Create original choreography - details attached.
- Participate in an interview that will be conducted on Leadership Audition day.
- Exhibit quality leadership skills; Honesty, Dependability, Responsibility, Respect of Authority, Respect of Peers, and ability to work well in guard during all times leading up to auditions. While the packet matters, your everyday attitude & behavior will be judged on the same level.
- If chosen for a leadership position you must attend all rehearsals, leadership meetings, competitions, and parades.

Position Descriptions:

- **Co-Captain:** Responsible for assisting the Captain with their duties when warranted. Also assisting the color guard instructor(s), helping members learn choreography/skills, and leading practice when the Captain is working with other members or speaking with the guard instructor(s) and/or director. It is expected that you will be proficient and work collaboratively with the Captain. It is at the discretion of the staff to select more than one person as a Co-Captain for a season. No guarantee that a Co-Captain will be selected.



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- **Lieutenant:** Simply lead by example, by how you support your Captain/Co-Captain, how you follow direction, respond, react and make yourself available to members needing help with not just choreography, but providing additional information when needed. You will have tremendous influence over the newer/younger members of the team and with this you have the opportunity to have a positive impact on their experience as performers. You will constantly be looked to as an example of what is acceptable behavior both at rehearsal and at social functions. It is a great responsibility and you must always remember that you need to set a good example by being a team player.
*Lieutenants may also be positioned as specific equipment section leaders as we continue to grow.

All who are applying for leadership must:

Create Original Choreography:

- You must create 1 minute of choreography (around 120 counts) to the music of your choice.
- You must be able to show that you have a strong understanding of basic body movement & flag. For weapon skills, basic beginner's knowledge needed.
- You must write out your choreography ON A COUNT SHEET (attached)
- Choose & submit your song choice - include the name, artist and the time position when your choreography starts.
- Submit your song choice & count sheet **no later than Nov 25th**.

Have an Interview:

- You will sit with and answer a few questions from your instructors.
- You will perform your original choreography on audition day. Bring your music with you (just in case).
- You will then teach an instructor at least half of your choreography.

Your Essay:

Write a short essay of 300-400 words answering the following questions, and include it with this application. Please attach it to this form. Here are some prompts to help you get started.

- Why are you applying for leadership?
- Why do you think you are a good candidate for leadership?
- What other skills might you have that would help you in a leadership position?
- What is your favorite memory of being in the Color Guard or Winter Guard?
- Describe your past experience in the Marching Band, what you enjoyed most and what suggestions you have to boost the program.
- Include additional information about yourself: strengths, weakness, challenges, etc.

Important Reminders

- **Nov 15:** Audition Agreement, Teacher Form, Leadership Application and essay are due. You may opt to turn these items in BEFORE the due date.
- **Nov 25:** Song choice & count sheet due. Include the name of the song, artist and include the time position in the song as to when your choreography will begin.
- **Nov 27:** Audition day! 1:30-3pm in the band room



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First & Last Name: _____

Email _____ (OHSD email address)

Grade (CIRCLE ONE): 9 10 11 12

Amount of seasons with Fall Color Guard (CIRCLE ONE): 1 2 3 none

Seasons with Winter Guard (CIRCLE ONE): 1 2 3 none

Seasons with Show Band (band member) (CIRCLE ONE): 1 2 3 none

Position You'd Like (CIRCLE ONE): Co-Captain Lieutenant

By applying for leadership, you are confirming and committing to (initial each line):

____ Attending every rehearsal, performance, competition, and meeting.

____ Understanding that your role as a leader will be expected throughout the entire school year and should be reflected in everything you do inside and outside of school.

____ If not selected, you will respect the director's decision and positively support the Winter Guard Captain/Co-Captain and/or other Lieutenant(s) who are selected as well as continue to be an outstanding and supportive member of band & guard programs.

Why is the Color Guard an important part of the Show Band?

Why is the Winter Guard an important program?

Why is the leadership position you chose important to you?



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Why is the leadership position you chose important to Color/Winter Guard?

What do you feel you need to work on in order to be the best leader you can be for this group?

What do you plan to do to improve the overall morale and expertise of this group?

How would you handle a personal conflict between you and a member during practice?

Anything else you feel we need to know regarding your application for a leadership position?
