

AMHS Band Parents Association

Request for Financial Assistance

The AMHS-BPA recognizes the difficulties sometimes created with participation in activities that involve financial obligations. We do not want any child to be denied participation in the Band Program due to financial difficulties. If such should arise, the AMHS-BPA will be happy to work with you to schedule payments that may better suit your family's needs, and a written request for financial assistance may be submitted to the Band Director. Requests for assistance will be reviewed by the AMHS-BPA officers and Band Director. All financial information will be kept strictly confidential.

Grants of financial assistance are based on need and availability of funds. Sources of funds include benefactor sponsorships, BPA Generosity Fund and BPA General Fund. Sponsorships may be partial or full, and are awarded based on the wishes of the donor. BPA assistance is typically only partial, and requires that the student participate in all Student Account Builder fundraisers during the season (i.e. car washes, product sales) and at least one General Fund project (i.e. phone book delivery).

To be eligible for financial assistance, one of the following guidelines must be met:

- A. Student is on free or reduced lunch program at school.
- B. Student's household income has been reduced. For example, unemployment, underemployment, reduced pay or hours, decline in business earnings, death, disability, or divorce.
- C. If other special circumstances exist, please explain and/or attach supporting info.

Please complete and submit this form with any supporting documentation in a sealed envelope labeled: "AMHS-BPA Officers" and inform the Band Director you need to put this in the BPA safe. You will be informed of the board's decision, which is final.

NOTE: Limited assistance may also be available from InvestED (formerly "Saul Haas" fund). Speak with your counselor for details.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Assistance requested for: _____

Free/Reduced Lunch: YES ___ NO: ___ Special Financial Situation: _____

Please explain need for assistance: _____

Please explain why participation in band/color-guard is important to you: _____

If assistance is granted, I promise to participate in at least one General Fundraising project and all Student Account Builder fundraisers during the season. I understand that amounts raised from my participation in SAB fundraisers will be applied toward any assistance received and that amounts exceeding any assistance amount will remain in my account to be used for future band-related expenses and is not refundable.

Student's Signature _____ Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

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Granted: YES/NO ___ \$: _____ Source/Reason: _____ Date Informed: _____

AMHS-BPA President _____ AMHS Band Director _____