



**beyer high school marching  
band & color guard - 2010/11**

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am a member of the award-winning Beyer High School "Patriots" Marching Band & Color Guard, from Modesto, CA. This year once again, we will be traveling to Orange County and Fresno/Clovis for Western Band Association (WBA) State Competitions, including State Championships! WBA is an organization that sponsors events throughout the Western States where students like me compete and perform for thousands of cheering fans. Beyer has been in the top three of our division for five years running! This year we are going for the gold, and are asking for your support in helping us raise the substantial amount of money needed to fund our program!

Our group is comprised of 80-100 high school students ranging from freshmen to seniors. We perform a 6 minute show full of virtuosic music and impressive marching and choreography, all of which takes months to perfect. We have 6 competitions each fall, including the local Modesto Invitational (MIV) at Johansen High School. You might have also seen us perform at the Holiday Parade, the AMGEN Bike Race, or the "Breakaway From Cancer" Survivor's Parade.

Through learning and perfecting our music and routines, we have the opportunity not only to explore and grow as musicians and artists, but to obtain the skills necessary to succeed in life. *Teamwork, citizenship, dedication, leadership, respect, discipline, self-esteem and compassion* are only a few of the many qualities that we gain while striving for a common goal.

As I mentioned above, the cost of our season is substantial. Each family is asked to contribute money to pay for music and choreography, instruments, insurance, vehicle maintenance, fuel, buses, food, educational staff, uniforms, hotels, entry costs, and much more. Every penny raised goes toward ensuring the highest possible educational experience of all students including me, and I am asking for your help. Below you will find suggested donation amounts, but any amount will help and your generosity is greatly appreciated!

- A donation of \$675.00 will sponsor me for the ENTIRE season! This would be a huge help!
- A donation of \$350.00 will sponsor over 1/2 of my costs for the entire season!
- A donation of \$225.00 will pay for 1/3 of my total costs, and will be a tremendous help!
- A donation of \$50.00, or any amount you can afford, would be much-appreciated, and would help my team and me realize the thrill of competing with thousands of other students from the Western United States!

Please attach a business card or your address, and we will mail you a receipt for tax purposes (our tax ID is 23-7240511), as well as a thank you note from the Beyer Band & Color Guard program. Checks should be made payable to: "Beyer Band Boosters" with my name in the "memo" portion of the check. If you're a business owner, please contact us at [beyerband@gmail.com](mailto:beyerband@gmail.com) for information about our website ads and corporate sponsorship program!

Sincerely and with many thanks,

Beyer High School Percussion Student

Student's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_