



## RAVEN LEADERSHIP APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS 2026-2027

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

**DUE DATE FOR APPLICATION AND REFERENCE SUBMISSIONS: FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 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 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.  
Review [LEADERSHIP ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES](#) as you consider choices.

LEADERSHIP ROLES:	LIST YOUR TOP (3) CHOICES
1. DRUM MAJOR	
2. BAND CAPTAIN	
3. ASCENT TEAM CAPTAIN	1. _____
4. ASCENT TEAM MANAGER	2. _____
5. SECTION LEADER	
6. LIBRARIAN	
7. EQUIPMENT MANAGER	3. _____
8. UNIFORM MANAGER	
9. SPIRIT CAPTAIN	

## PREPARATIONS CHECKLIST AND INSTRUCTIONS

### INTERVIEWS:

Interviews for leadership are scheduled for various days/times.

\_\_\_ Sign up outside the director'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 Alonso 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

### DRUM MAJOR INTERVIEWS:

Drum Major applicants will be interviewed during your conducting audition. Drum Major auditions will be held **Monday May 4th, 2026** after school.

\_\_\_ Sign up for your audition time outside Mr. Kennedy's door.

- You will demonstrate:
  - AHS marching verbal commands: Attention, Horns Up, Parade Rest.
  - Review commands: [MARCHING & LEADERSHIP MANUAL](#)
  - 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.

\_\_\_ Prepare to conduct *Bohemian Rhapsody* by Saucedo. Link to the recording can be found here.



*Score*



*YouTube Video*

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

\_\_\_ A drum major help session with current AHS drum majors will be held prior to the audition. We will discuss fundamentals of conducting and how to best prepare for your audition.



\_\_\_ Students selected for the drum major positions will be expected to attend the [FSU MARCHING BAND LEADERSHIP CAMP held June 28- July 3, 2026](#), on the Campus of Florida State University. Exceptions will only be granted in extreme circumstances.

Follow the QR code for more FSU camp details.

\_\_\_ 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 Mr. Kennedy regarding ANY questions about leadership.

## REFERENCES

**Reference submissions are due by Friday, April 17th, 2026.**

\_\_\_ Obtain (3) teacher references.

- Mr. Kennedy nor any Alonso band staff will be accepted as a teacher reference.
- Teacher references must be a current **Alonso** 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 Alonso band leadership members.

\_\_\_ Show your teacher the below QR code or print and provide a paper QR code ticket to your references for online reference form access. Paper slips are at the bottom of this application.

If needed, below is the QR code mapped to the reference form and the access link is [HERE](#).

### AHS Reference Form



**ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Due: Friday, April 17, 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 Alonso 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 Alonso 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 Alonso 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: Friday, April 17th, 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 Alonso Bands leadership team:**

1. Support the band director and staff with the utmost respect, dedication, devotion, and loyalty.
  2. Report early to and attend ALL Alonso leadership and band camps beginning **Saturday July 25, 2026.**
  3. Selected drum majors 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.
  4. Attend ALL required Ascent/percussion camps (if applicable).
  5. Attend additional leadership training/camps over the summer (scholarships may be available).
  6. Attend all events on the band calendar for the **2026-2027** school year.
  7. Help with set-up and tear-down of all band events.
  8. Arrive prior to call-time to assist with duties and stay after dismissal to ensure areas are clean and orderly.
  9. Participate in District Solo & Ensemble.
  10. Audition for the Hillsborough All-County Band.
  11. Be a positive example to all non-leadership band students and the general school population.
  12. Be present at ALL band events throughout fall and spring semesters.
  13. Demonstrate the highest level of musicianship throughout the *entire* year.
  14. Maintain an acceptable GPA and maintain positive relationships with Alonso teachers/faculty.
  15. Be present at all leadership meetings.
  16. Always showcase the appropriate rehearsal etiquette.
  17. Help less-experienced members learn marching and maneuvering skills.
  18. Be a social liaison for freshmen band students to make them feel welcome and included.
  19. Be a liaison for middle school band students to encourage community and pride for future Alonso band members.
  20. Help ensure the success of the Alonso Bands program.
  21. Be enrolled in a band/eurhythmics course.
  22. Ascent 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 Alonso 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.*

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Parent Name Printed

Parent Signature

Date

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Student Name Printed

Student Signature

Date



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THANK YOU!  
DUE APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>



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