

Contributions & Incidental Costs

2025 Fremont Firebird Marching Band

General Info – This sheet was created to give marching band and/or winter season families an idea of what to expect in terms of expenses for each band season and the philosophy behind those expenses. The contribution/donation request for this fall season is \$1000, but there are expenses that go beyond that for the average band member. Though no student will ever be denied access to our marching band due to financial concerns, it is important for us to all know what is needed and why.

Basic Marching Band Contribution/Donation Of \$1000

Here is how your donations are used:

What	How Much Total	Per Student (est 80 members)
Marching Band Staff and Designers	\$30000	\$416.66/students
Champion Ship Charter Buses	\$12,000	\$166.66/student
Championship Lodging	\$7000	\$97.22/student
Local School Bussing	\$8000 min	\$111.11/student
Equipment Truck Rental	\$7000	\$97.22/student
Props/Costuming/Equipment	\$14000	\$194.44/student
		<u>estimated \$1083.31 per student</u>

AND this doesn't account for every expense!

Your donations, company matching donations, and support is 100% VITAL

Separately, students are responsible for some of their uniform items such as: shoes about \$40, gloves about \$5, polo shirts about \$40 which are bought through the band; as well as personal equipment needs such as: valve oil, reeds, guard bags, sticks, etc. - prices vary and are bought on one's own. Students also have the opportunity to purchase optional apparel items that feature the Fremont Band Logo including jackets and sweatshirts. An order form for those items will be available in the fall. Color guard students will often have additional costs with dance apparel – cost varies, bags – about \$30 for a good flag bag, show makeup, black dance tights, and other items related to their section specifically.

Band Expenses: The What, the Why and the When –

What requires money?

1. Standard expenses include the requested contribution/donation of \$1000.
2. Personal items such as shoes, instruments, & equipment.
3. Incidental items such as socks, apparel and bags.
4. Show entry fees at competitions if family members attend (average around \$15-20 per show per person)

What requires time?

Volunteering at band events as much as able ensures everything runs more smoothly and allows some costs to be kept lower. Many hands make for lighter work for all. AND, the parents become their own social group which is great for all!

Why are we asked to pay a contribution?

Everything costs money and competitive marching bands aren't cheap. The money collected is used to cover expenses as charted above plus much more. If we do not receive contributions, we would have less musical opportunities to offer our students. We would also like to ask that parents consider volunteering during at least 2 events during the year. *We get very little financial assistance from the school/district. The school/district provides almost no monetary support for the marching band.

When do we pay?

Now, or at the very least, as soon as possible.

Disclaimer

NO STUDENT WILL BE DENIED ACCESS TO FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL'S BAND/ORCHESTRA ACTIVITIES BASED ON THE INABILITY TO DONATE FINANCIALLY TO THE FREMONT BAND BOOSTERS. That being said, no one should ever expect something for nothing. Every little bit helps. Your generosity will be what allows us to maintain the full extra-curricular and co-curricular offerings we currently provide.

You can Zelle transfer payments (no fees) to the Fremont Band Booster Club,
boostertreasurer@fremontinstrumentalmusic.org

Online Payments can be made at <https://www.fremontinstrumentalmusic.org/fundraising>

