

2018 – 20189
Massanutten Youth Brass Band
Membership

Welcome to 2018-2019 with the MYBB! We are looking forward to another great season with returning and new members. Any interested brass and percussion enthusiasts of high school or college age are invited to join us. If you enjoy making music in a fun and exciting ensemble – this is THE place to be! In order to join, both returning and new members need to submit the registration materials listed below.

It won't be long now, so get your paperwork in!

Mr. Kevin Stees
Executive Director

Mrs. Rhonda Stees
Conductor

Membership & Tuition Info

About Us: The MYBB was formed in the Spring of 2010 to create an exciting musical opportunity for the devoted brass and percussion musician. This opportunity is designed to challenge brass players and percussionists to a new level of musicianship. In addition, members will have the opportunity to perform with the Massanutten Brass Band and internationally-recognized JMU Brass Band.

Who can join? The MYBB is open to all high school and college players regardless of age or experience. This is a place for players of a variety of levels to grow. We have a great mix of more and less experienced players.

Is there an audition? Membership is based on teacher recommendation, musical enthusiasm, and commitment. An audition is not required to play in the band. The registration forms (which ask you to include your experience) and the teacher evaluations are used for general seating purposes to balance the band. There are select seats in the band that do require an audition to earn those spots. The spots can vary a bit from year to year.

Principal Chairs & Solo Cornet seating: Seating for principal chairs and solo/front row cornet may require an audition depending on the pool of new and returning members each year. Seating placement will vary from year to year. Generally those auditions take place during the opening rehearsal. Feel free to inquire for more details.

Tuition is \$150 for the year. To receive a \$25 discount, pay in full by the registration due date. There is also an option to pay in installments. Should your family have financial need, please contact MYBB via the Financial Assistance tab on the website. Students on free or reduced lunch automatically qualify for financial assistance.

Snack breaks! In brass banding we enjoy getting to know each other during a short break (with food, of course!). As part of the band membership, each family is responsible for providing water and snacks for one rehearsal (a second time is optional but always appreciated). There is also the option to make a donation of \$15 to cover the cost, and have our volunteer snack coordinator shop and deliver for you! Students on free or reduced lunch are exempted from this expectation.

Registration Materials: *High school students* need to **submit** the following to apply for membership.

1. Registration Form
2. Commitment Form w/ Conflicts
3. Teacher Evaluation
4. Media Release Form
5. Tuition Payment
(full discounted payment or first installment of \$50)

Registration materials should be received by Monday, October 29, 2018.

To receive the **discounted tuition rate** of \$125, **pay in full** by Monday, October 29.

Questions??? Email questions to: massanuttenyouthbrassband@gmail.com