



Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in The Quakertown Band, Bucks County's oldest musical organization, founded in 1877. The band is comprised of both amateur and semi-professional musicians of all ages and occupations. We rehearse each Thursday evening from 8:00-10:00 PM at our Band Hall located at 112 N. Hellertown Avenue, Quakertown, PA. Please let me know if you need directions to the band hall or information about parking.

In addition to our Thursday night rehearsals, the Quakertown Band is renowned for its Summer Concert Series which features several performances throughout Bucks County's many parks and landmarks. The band also performs for community events throughout the year and has its annual Anniversary Concert each March in the beautiful Strayer Middle School auditorium.

As part of the process of becoming a member, we invite you to sit in for several rehearsals so that you may gain an understanding of the group's musical goals and have the opportunity to meet our musicians. Should you decide that you wish to be an official member of the group, there are a few requirements. All members pay annual dues of \$50 for adults and \$25 for students. The section leader and musical director may also ask you to perform a short audition in order to help properly place you within the section.

Attached to this letter you will also find an application for membership and our guidelines for membership. If you have any further questions about your prospective membership, we invite you to contact any one of our executive board members or myself via e-mail. We would all be happy to answer your questions and help introduce you to the Quakertown Band!

Sincerely,
Kaylee Santanello
Personnel Manager
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Application for Membership

Name _____

Phone Number _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Email _____

Address _____

Primary Instrument _____

Secondary Instrument(s) _____

Please provide any other relevant information:



Guidelines for Membership

Please review the following guidelines for membership.

- Before attending your first rehearsal, please contact the personnel manager. Please bring the completed "Application for Membership" to your first rehearsal and give it to the personnel manager.
- We invite you to attend several rehearsals before deciding if you are interested in being an official member. If you decide to continue playing with the band as an official member, please pay the Annual Membership Fee to the Treasurer. Dues are \$⁰⁰ for adults and \$²⁰ for students.
- Your section leader or the music director may require a short audition prior to your acceptance as an official member of the band. In the event that an audition is required, adequate preparation time will be provided as well as some resources should you need assistance preparing.
- Please discuss your performance availability with the personnel manager as soon as possible. Your availability to perform may affect your status as an official member of the band.
- Participation in performances is dependent on rehearsal attendance. If for some reason, you are unable to regularly attend rehearsal, your section leader or the music director may ask that you do not perform. The personnel manager will address you with any attendance concerns.
- Should you be accepted as an official member of the band, you will enjoy all the benefits of full time membership. Members are entitled to perform at all concert engagements (provided they meet the expectations for rehearsal attendance), hold office, and vote on band matters.
- Upon your acceptance as an official member of the band, please talk to your section leader about acquiring the proper performance attire.
- Your music folder can (and should) be taken home weekly to practice your part. However, all folders must be returned to the Band Hall by 7:00 PM on Thursday evening regardless of your ability to attend that rehearsal or any upcoming engagements. Please plan accordingly.

Thank you! We look forward to you joining our wonderful band!