

# THE HILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BAND

*TENNESSEE BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION SWEEPSTAKES AWARD WINNING BAND PROGRAM 2006-2007*

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

I am proud to announce I am a member of the 2009-2010 Hillwood High School Competitive Band program. Everyone talks about the state of education in America today, but the cold, hard reality is education has seen many budget cuts over recent years. Budget cuts occur yearly and the arts are always one of the first places politicians look to trim the budget. It surprises many to learn the high school band programs in Nashville receive very little financial support from the school system. This lack of funding jeopardizes the livelihood of an instrumental music program. Operating and maintaining a quality marching band is very expensive and efforts at fundraising continue to be more challenging every year. Because the students and parents are responsible for earning their "fair share" of the yearly operating expenses, it becomes increasingly difficult to sell items to earn their "fair share".

I need your help! This year, the Hillwood Competitive Band will travel to Chicago to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade. In addition, the band will compete in five marching competitions, perform at nine football games, one concert festival and march in two parades. Any donation you make will help pay for our music, equipment, transportation, maintenance of existing instruments, and instruction. This year, each marching student's "fair share" is \$800.00. This cost is a large amount for a young person to bear alone. You can make a difference by pledging your financial support. Any amount you donate goes directly toward my "fair share" quota. Your contribution is considered a donation and is 100% tax deductible. Hillwood Band Boosters is a 501C3 organization. Thank you for helping us keep music alive in Music City!

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Hillwood Competitive Band Student)

## Hillwood Competitive Band 2009-2010 Season Sponsorship Donation Form

Please check the desired donation level.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$1.00 per performance (\$20.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$2.50 per performance (\$50.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 per performance (\$100.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 per performance (\$200.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 per performance (\$400.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
Hillwood Band Boosters  
PO Box 58405  
Nashville, TN 37205  
[www.hillwoodband.com](http://www.hillwoodband.com)

I would like to make a donation to the following individual for the 2009-2010 season,

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_