

ASHFORD HIGH SCHOOL BAND AUXILIARY

Please make sure you meet the following requirements:

1. You are in grades 8-11 and must have a "C" average in all classes for the current school year.
2. You do not have any major discipline referrals resulting in alternative school or attendance issues.
3. You must have registration/permission form, parent information form, **and fee** turned in **March 15, 2019**. **BRING THE FORMS AND FEE TO MS. ALDERMAN ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15. DO NOT INTERRUPT CLASS TO TURN IN FEE OR FORMS. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRY OUT IF YOU DO NOT RETURN THE FORM, PAY THE FEE, OR IF YOU OWE MONEY TO THE AUXILIARY OR BAND!!!!!! NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!!!!!! You must attend tryout camp March 18-20 (all 3 days) to try out March 21.**
4. You must not have a work/organization conflict. All practices and camps are MANDATORY. We do not make accommodations for work or family events. **General Information:**
5. There is a fee of **\$20** to try out for an auxiliary position, due **March 15**. If you have not paid the fee and returned the parent permission form by March 15, you will **NOT** be allowed to participate in camp or try out.
6. All expenses for auxiliary are the sole responsibility of the auxiliary member. **It will cost approximately \$500-\$800**. Fundraisers will be scheduled to help offset some of these costs but are not guaranteed. **ALL MONEY MUST BE PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF AUXILIARY/ROOKIE CAMP. AN ITEMIZED PAYMENT SCHEDULE WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD ON OR BEFORE April 18, 2019.** If all fees are not paid by the deadline, the auxiliary member will be dismissed from the squad. **THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS FOR ANY MONIES PAID FOR ANY REASON.**
7. Attendance at **all** performances and practices is **mandatory**.
8. Fundraising is required for both auxiliary AND The Ashford High School Marching Band.
9. Upon being selected as a band member, you must enroll in band the first semester, and you must be present to class EVERY DAY unless you have a doctor's excuse.
10. For tryouts, you must wear black shorts and a plain white T-shirt and **tennis shoes or dance shoes**.
11. You must attend AUXILIARY CAMP AND BAND CAMP in July and August. This takes place in Ashford except for a 3-day camp May 30-June 1, which takes place in Cottonwood. You will receive more information on this camp at a later date.
12. **Teacher recommendation sheets: these will be sent to your teachers by Ms. Alderman.**
13. You are a member of the Ashford High School Marching Band Auxiliary from the moment you are chosen for the squad until the next year when the new auxiliary is chosen. You are expected to conduct yourself accordingly and participate in all auxiliary and/or band activities for the entire year.

Student Name _____ Grade next school year _____

Student Telephone Number _____

I am interested in being an auxiliary member in the Ashford High School Marching Band. I promise to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Houston County Board of Education, Principal of AHS, Director of Bands of AHS, and Sponsor of AHS Auxiliary.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

My child, _____, has my permission to try out for AHS Marching Band Auxiliary.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS TO MS. ALDERMAN BY MARCH 15, 2019, INCLUDING THE \$20.00 FEE. PRACTICE IS MARCH 18-20 AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4:30. YOUR CHILD MUST BE PICKED UP AT 4:30. TRYOUTS WILL BE THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019, AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL APPROX. 4:30. TRYOUTS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

AUXILIARY PARENT INFORMATION

Please take this home for your parents' approval. It contains important information for all of you to review if you are considering trying out for auxiliary at Ashford High School. It is very important for the student to be available on the following dates. Permission must be obtained from the sponsor in advance if the student cannot fulfill an obligation.

Tryout Clinic: March 18-20, 2019 until 4:30. **You must be picked up by 4:30.**

Tryouts: Thursday, March 21, 2019 @ approximately 3:30 (**Closed to public**) **Results will be posted on the Sound of the Wiregrass Facebook page. All members need to come to Ms. Alderman's room Friday, March 22, 2019, and pick up a fundraiser packet. Spring Break is the following week, so make arrangements to pick up your packet before the end of school Friday, March 22.**

First Meeting: Thursday, **April 18, 2019**, in Ms. Alderman's classroom at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is mandatory for all new auxiliary members and at least one parent or guardian. The new captain needs to attend, but a parent is not required. **\$200.00 camp fee is due April 18, 2019**, which can be paid at the meeting or at school during the day. **All members owe this money on this date.** _____ **Initial that you have read and understand this.**

Wiregrass Expo Camp: Mandatory. May 30-June 1, 2019. AHS does not provide transportation to or from this camp. _____ **Initial that you have read and understand this.**

Auxiliary and Rookie Camp: Mandatory (**exact dates and times TBA**-it is normally the last 2 weeks in July and beginning of August)

Practice Sessions: Our regular practices will be Monday and Tuesday, 3:00-5:30; Thursday 6:00-9:00 pm EVERY WEEK. **Wednesday practice may be added if needed.** Attendance to all practices, games, and contests is mandatory. **We do not work around work schedules or family events.** Arrange your work schedule around practices, performances, and events. Having to work is **not** an excused absence. _____ **Initial that you have read and understand this.**

Costs: We will have a fundraiser to help offset the costs, but each auxiliary member is responsible for all costs associated with being a member. All fees must be paid according to the payment schedule. Late payments will result in demerits. If your child is selected as an AHS auxiliary member, the costs for all items **must be paid in full prior to or on the first day of Auxiliary and Rookie Camp.** If this money is not paid, the member will be dismissed from the squad. **There will be no refunds for any monies paid or earned through fundraisers.** If the dismissed member has paid for items but not received them, she or he will receive the items once the active members have worn or used them in public. _____ **Initial that you have read and understand this.**

I am looking into different options for uniforms and accessories. I always try to find good quality items at the lowest possible cost. Some items you will have to purchase on your own. A list of those items will be provided to you. All uniforms, travel gear, etc. will be purchased through AHS and **must be approved by Sponsor.**

Being an AHS auxiliary member is very rewarding, but it is also very hard work. You must be dedicated and determined to be successful. If you are chosen, you will be given a list of rules/merits/demerits that will be STRICTLY enforced.

Thank you and best of luck!

Sign _____ Date _____

Keep the white copy for your records; return the colored copy to Ms. Alderman along with the \$20 registration fee.