

# MASONIC ALL-STAR MARCHING BAND CAMP FACT SHEET All forms/documents www.nebraskamasonicband.org

### What is the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp?

It is a program sponsored by the Nebraska Masonic Foundation and Nebraska Grand Lodge in conjunction with the Annual Nebraska Shrine Bowl Classic. Students from Nebraska high schools will attend music clinics and training sessions conducted June 3-June 7, 2025, at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The band will be featured on game day in the Shrine Bowl Parade and perform a half-time show at the Annual Nebraska Shrine Bowl Classic football game in Kearney.

#### What is its purpose?

To support youth, create local interest and attention and provide more visibility of the Masonic family. In keeping with the tradition of the Shrine Bowl Classic, our goal is to make the Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp an opportunity for the best of the best musicians in our state to come together, truly making this an "all-star" marching band. You are encouraged to reward the most talented band members in your community with the chance to participate as a member in this outstanding band camp. Not only does this ensure that the camp remains a premier program, but these gifted students have more of a capacity to bring back and share what they learn to their own individual schools and band programs.

#### Who will sponsor the students?

Nebraska Masonic Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Bodies, Shrine Clubs, and individual members of the Masonic Family.

#### What is the money used for?

All student expenses except travel to and from Kearney are paid for by the scholarship.

#### How do we get involved?

The Lodge Master, Secretary and/or leaders of other Masonic organizations are receiving this information.

- 1. Make the decision to provide one or more scholarships if financially able to do so.
- 2. Determine source of funding for scholarships <u>\$375.00</u> per student.
  - A. Lodge or Organization funds
  - B. Donations from Lodge or Organization members
  - C. Fund-raising activity
- 3. Select student(s)
  - A. Students must be presently enrolled as high school freshman, sophomores or juniors.
  - B. Contact the High School Band Director
  - C. Students may be selected by a High School Band Director or you, but **must be endorsed by Band Directors** (knows skill level of student)
  - D. Notification of Band Scholarship with payment (check or PayPal) should be received at the Grand Lodge Office by March 15, 2025. If you want to provide a scholarship but are unable to find a student, submit the Notification of Band Scholarship and check, as we always have numerous students who apply that do not have a scholarship available.

#### What if we don't get involved?

An opportunity for your Lodge or organization and its members to become more involved in your community and to create more recognition is what Masonry is all about. To provide a worthy student or students in your community with an unforgettable learning experience; and the chance to have your community represented before thousands of state-wide spectators at the Annual Nebraska Shrine Bowl Classic is an honor we hope you have in providing a student with a scholarship, if able.

## WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING PAPER APPLICATIONS