



Apache Band Program

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Dear Prospective Band Member,

Thank you so much for your interest in the Apache Band. We are excited for the future of our band program and would love for you to be a part of it. The Marching Band has an exhilarating history, including performing for the President of the United States, Dallas Cowboy football games and marching in nationally televised parades. The Marching Band program also performs at many local functions including TJC football games, UIL region and area exhibitions, parades, fairs, and basketball games. Our marching style for half time will be based on the Drum and Bugle Corps style of marching and we perform a variety of musical styles on and off the field. Our concert bands perform several concerts throughout the year and host invitational concert band festivals. Our Jazz Bands rehearse during both fall and spring semesters and perform throughout the community for a variety of events, as well as hosting their own TJC Jazz Festival each spring. During the spring, percussionists and select colorguard members can audition to be in our WGI World Champion Indoor Drum Line. All of these ensembles will be touring at various times for recruitment purposes and for community outreach. There are also separate courses for brass, woodwind and percussion ensembles. In addition to these courses, applied music lessons are taught by qualified instructors on all woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. All students are encouraged, but not required, to take these classes.

Known for its academic achievement, performance groups, success in intercollegiate athletics and a scenic campus, Tyler Junior College is unique among two-year institutions, with an enrollment of nearly 10,000 students each fall. There are ten residence halls, a student center, recreation center, and many planned student activities. The quality of instruction at TJC is among the finest anywhere. This is a phenomenal place to begin your college education. Many of our band students successfully transfer to universities throughout the world and receive outstanding band and academic scholarships at four year universities after completing their core curriculum at TJC.

Upon successful completion of the application process and audition, all Apache Band members are awarded a band scholarship in various amounts, starting at ten credits hours or more, with the condition of participation for the full year in marching band in the fall and concert band in the spring. Academic scholarships awarded by TJC and all other sources can be combined with band scholarship money. To begin your application process, please complete the Apache Band Scholarship Application Form enclosed in this packet and fax it to the band hall. Then have your band director fill out the Band Director Scholarship Recommendation Form and fax it to the band hall as well. Once these items have been received, you will be contacted to set up an audition and interview. There is usually more scholarship money available to the students who apply early. You can also visit our band website at www.tjc.edu/band for more information. While you are visiting our website, please take the time to browse the various attachments on this webpage to see all of our various activities and performances.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact us using the information above if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you soon and hope that you will consider being a part of our dynamic and growing band program!

Tom Mensch
Director of Bands