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**REBEL BAND**

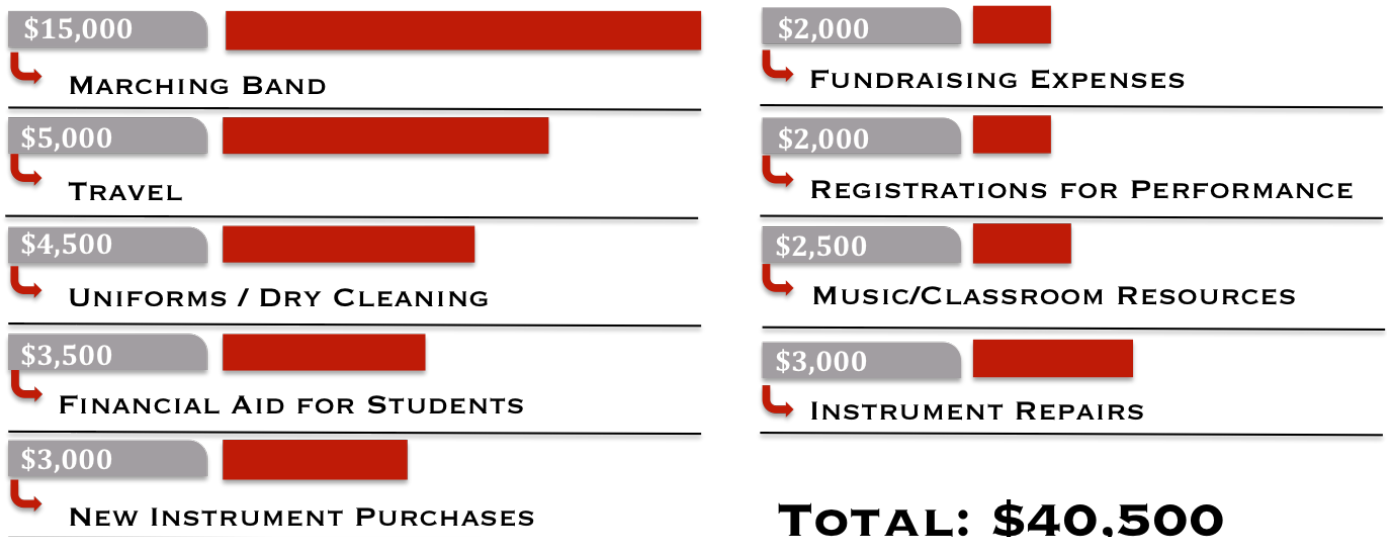
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To Whom It May Concern,

The West Lincoln High School Band would like to thank you for taking the time to consider becoming a sponsor of our growing band.

In recent years budget cuts have forced our Rebel band and the others in the county to become *100% self-sustained* financially. After dealing with extremely expensive instruments, repairs, and even simply providing music for the students to play on a daily basis our budget exceeds well beyond *thousands of dollars*. Unfortunately, fundraising is the only way to combat this issue. We understand that times are tough for everybody, not just our band. That being said, we are open to any sort of donation and would be more than appreciative to have your support in the coming year.

For your reference, we have listed a few facts that you may find interesting. Over the course of one calendar year, these are the expenses that we incur:





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At West Lincoln High School, we recognize the importance of music and the arts in our students' lives. In an increasingly competitive world, music challenges our students in a way that allows them to stand out while having a sense of cooperation and belonging to an organization. Music has been recognized by some of the top institutions in the world as one of the most important subjects in which to participate.

*"The Arts are clearly an integral part of life at Harvard and Radcliffe, important for their value to the college environment and also for the potential they provide for lifelong enrichment. In addition to academic criteria, therefore, we always consider extracurricular talents and personal strengths when we evaluate a candidate's credentials. We look for students whose previous participation in the arts shows that they can make a substantial contribution to our community."*

**- William R. Fitzsimmons ~ Dean of Admissions, Harvard University**

With all sincerity, I do appreciate your time in looking over our request and hope that you will find it charitable and worthwhile to support the intelligent, dedicated, and hard-working students of the West Lincoln High School Band.

Sincerely,

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