

Official Application
December 30, 2013 – January 4, 2014

We are pleased to invite you to apply for the All Star Invitational Marching Band that will be performing at the Orange Bowl in 2014. The honor of participation in the All Star Marching Band is offered to talented high school instrumentalists and colorguard students identified in the United States, Canada, and abroad. To be considered, you must be in the 9th-12th grades during the 2013-14 school year and submit a complete application.

Application Requirements:

(Application materials will not be returned)

- Complete Application Form, signed by applicant and guardian
- Complete Performing Biography Form
- Audition DVD (described on page 2)
- Director Nomination (page 5, only if not previously nominated)
- \$295 Participation deposit (the full deposit amount, minus the \$10 application fee, is refunded if not selected. Once accepted, the deposit becomes non-refundable)

Evaluation Process and Selection of All Stars:

All completed applications received will be reviewed by our Board of professional musicians. The evaluation and selection process is designed to ensure that talented marching students are recognized and offered the opportunity to participate. The process runs as follows:

- Applicants submit a complete application and audition video(s). Self-nominating students must also submit an additional teacher recommendation. (See page 5)
- All applications are reviewed by an expert board of music professionals for final selection. Parts are assigned based upon audition score and ranking.
- All applicants will be notified of their application status by October 1, 2013 by email if their application is received by September 30th. If you application is received after October 1, notifications will take 7-10 days.
- In the case that a selected All Star is unable to attend, the next highest scoring qualified candidate will be offered the opportunity to participate.

Instruments and Sections

The 2014 All Star Invitational Marching Band plans to include the following: Flute, Piccolo, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto, Tenor, and Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet, Mellophone, Sousaphone, Baritone, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Percussion (Snare, Tenors, Bass, Cymbals, Vibes), and Twirling and Colorguard. The Music Director has not finalized the pieces for the 2014 program. Therefore, final

instrumentation has not been assigned. Should a student apply for a part that is not utilized, a full refund will be sent.

Nominations and Self-Nominations

In most cases, qualified students are invited to apply for participation after having been nominated by a music director familiar with their accomplishments. Given that not all directors are aware of the opportunity to nominate, students are also given the opportunity to self-nominate and apply. Students who wish to self-nominate must additionally include a director recommendation (form is provided in the application) as part of their application submission.

Return Applications to:

Mail: All Star Invitational Marching Band
Attn: Admissions
218 West Water Street, Suite 400
Charlottesville, VA 22902

*****Email info@allstarinvitational.org on the day you mail your application.**

Fax: 434-817-9405

Email: info@allstarinvitational.org

Videos may be mailed, emailed or uploaded to YouTube

If you application is not received by September 30th, it will be reviewed on a rolling basis.



Audition DVD

As part of the completed application, each student must submit an audition recording(s). We encourage you to submit your videos by posting them to YouTube and emailing us the links. We also accept DVDs.

Instrumentalists:

Please submit two (2) videos

- Video 1: Marching Audition
 - This is an opportunity for applicants to demonstrate their ability to march and play music at the same time
 - The video may be of the applicant marching with the band or solo
 - Applicant should be visible during most of the video
 - Video may be recorded inside or outside
 - The video should be one take and not pieced together
 - Applicant may play any piece of his/her choosing
 - Video should not exceed 5 minutes in length
- Video 2: Solo Performance
 - Applicant may select any piece of his/her choosing, as long as it shows the student playing at his/her best
 - Recording may be a concert or rehearsal setting, but it should not include any other musicians playing
 - Applicant should be visible during most of the video
 - Video should not exceed 3 minutes in length
- Percussionists: Additional Requirements
Please submit solo performances on all of the following instruments (not necessarily while marching)
 - Snare (Traditional)
 - Tenors
 - Bass Drum
 - Cymbals

Colorguard & Twirlers: Please submit one (1) video

- Applicant may perform any choreographed routine of his/her choosing, as long as it is at an advanced level and demonstrate the following:
- Colorguard:
 - Drop Spins
 - Over Hand or Speed Spins
 - Flag Tosses
- Twirlers:
 - Showmanship, gracefulness, energy, ambidexterity, and coordination
 - Mastery of basic techniques, including pattern, baton revolution, and follow-through
 - More advanced baton moves, as able (double walkovers, aerials, double illusions, multiple batons, etc.)
- Video should not exceed 5 minutes in length

Additional Notes:

- Videos are not expected to be professionally produced and can be made at home, even on a cell phone camera.
- Audition may be on more than one instrument. Applicant only needs to submit one application deposit, but would need to submit multiple videos in this case.

Program Inclusions

The All Star Invitational program includes extensive support throughout the week, including*:

- Exposure to some of the biggest names in the marching profession for the program duration
- Free high school academic credit through the Discovery for Credit program
- All rehearsal costs, including equipment and sheet music
- All production costs and services for two Discover Orange Bowl performances
- Additional performance opportunities as available, which in the past have included performing at the Jr. Orange Bowl parade

- All activity fees, including leadership seminar, evening socials, All Star celebration, and activities
- Orange Bowl game ticket
- All ground transportation** during the program, including transfers between specified airport and hotels (arrival and departure flights/trains are the responsibility of participants)
- Chaperones and program staff
- Five-nights lodging in highly rated, student-friendly hotels (quad occupancy) with on-site staff
- Breakfast and lunch daily beginning with dinner on Day one and ending with breakfast on Day six**
- Privately-hired night security on each occupied hotel floor to ensure restful nights for performers
- A 24-hour staffed emergency office to handle the unexpected
- An exclusive Doctors On Call arrangement for medical support while on the program

*All inclusions subject to change

**Lunch and Transportation to and from South Florida not included

Program Itinerary

The program has been developed to bring together the most talented high school marching band performers. Selected performers work with the biggest names in the marching profession and showcase their skills at prestigious national events. Though much of the student's time is focused on performance preparation, the program also allows students to experience the excitement of South Florida.

Day	Activities
Monday, December 30	Afternoon arrival into Miami Airport greeting and transfer to the hotel Program Registration and Hotel Check-in Evening All Star Seated Rehearsal
Tuesday, December 31	Morning All Star Seated Rehearsal Afternoon All Star Field Rehearsal All Star New Year's Eve Party!
Wednesday, January 1	Morning All Star Rehearsal Afternoon activities to enjoy sunny Miami! Evening Halftime Show Combined Band Rehearsal
Thursday, January 2	Halftime Show Combined Band Rehearsal Afternoon All Star Rehearsal or other performance opportunity Evening All Star Celebration Activity
Friday, January 3	All Star Dress Rehearsal Combined Band Halftime Show Rehearsal Orange Bowl Game Orange Bowl Performances
Saturday, January 4	Check-out and transfer to airport Departure for home

Program Cost

The complete program cost for each All Star is: \$1,599

Performers have the option to satisfy this full expense at once or may follow an optional payment plan:

Date	Payment Due
Deposit With Application	\$295
October 15, 2013	\$400
November 15, 2013	\$400
Final Payment December 10, 2013	Any Remaining Balance

Parent / Family Participation Options

Parents and family members are welcome to participate in parts of the program with their All Star. This is a great experience to share! Those accepted into the All Star Invitational Marching Band will be notified of options and costs associated with parent and family member participation.

Official Application Form All Star Invitational Marching Band

Student Applicant Information

Applicant Full Name: _____

Invite Number (if provided): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Graduation Year: _____

Gender: Male Female

Home Address: _____

City, State/Province, Postal Code: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Parent Email: _____

Student Email: _____

Phone: _____

Student Cell: _____

Guardian Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

School City, State, Postal Code: _____

Director Name: _____

What part are you auditioning for? _____

Title of Audition Piece(s): _____

Performing Biography

Please complete the following to share your musical accomplishments:
Additional pages or resumes may be attached, but are not mandatory

Instruments Played or Part (order of proficiency)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

How Many Years Have You Performed? _____

Do you Study Privately? Yes No

Honors / Awards / Recognition

Year

Honors / Awards / Recognition	Year
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Selective Performance Groups in Which You Have Participated:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Signatures

I certify that the information and recording provided with this completed application is my own work. If selected, I will prepare all music so that I am able to perform to the best of my abilities upon arrival at the event. I agree to abide by the behavior standards set forth by the program, to participate in all planned rehearsals and activities, and to adhere to the Program Terms and Conditions included in this application.

Applicant Signature

I certify that I am the legal guardian of this applicant and I am allowing him/her to participate in the All Star Invitational Marching Band. I am aware that I am fully responsible for the applicant's program expenses, whether through fundraising or other means. I agree to the Program Terms and Conditions included in this application.

Guardian Signature

Deposit Information

\$295 Participation deposit is required with the application. All but a \$10 application review fee is refunded if applicant is not selected. Deposit is not refundable if an applicant is selected and subsequently cancels his/her participation.

Please find my check enclosed for \$ _____ (minimum \$295)

Please charge my credit card for \$ _____ (minimum \$295)

Card Type: Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Name on Card: _____

By signing here you agree to the Program Terms and Condition as stated in this application and your cardholder's terms and conditions.

Cardholder Signature

Date

Additional Information You Would Like to Share:

You Tube Audition Links (is submitting online):

Terms and Conditions

THIS INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

Responsibility Clause: This program is produced and facilitated by the All Star Invitational Marching Band. The All Star Invitational Marching Band ("ASI") and Lakeland Tours, LLC d/b/a WorldStrides, its employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, successors, agents, and assigns (collectively, "WorldStrides") do not own, operate or control any person or entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your program including, for example, performance facilities or equipment, lodging facilities, transportation companies, guides or guide services, local ground operators, entertainment or sightseeing operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions, food service providers, etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, WorldStrides is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any third party.

Without limitation, WorldStrides is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay, or inconvenience in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of force majeure, war, civil unrest, insurrection, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof, lost or stolen belongings, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely, sanitation problems, food poisoning, epidemics or the threat thereof, lack of or quality of medical care, illness or disease, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, actual, perceived or threatened epidemics, or for any other cause beyond the direct control of WorldStrides.

Changes or substitutions in hotels, itinerary, activities, or inclusions may be made at the discretion of WorldStrides as it deems necessary or desirable. On certain dates some attractions or activities may be closed. Should WorldStrides be required to or elect to change or even eliminate individual program components, either prior to or during the program, refunds will be given solely at WorldStrides' discretion. WorldStrides at its sole discretion may cancel a program due to insufficient enrollment, unforeseen operational difficulties, lack of projected availability, or any other reasons at any time. If a program is cancelled by WorldStrides, the sole obligation of WorldStrides is to refund all funds collected from any registrant minus any reasonable non-recoverable expenses incurred by WorldStrides on behalf of the participant. WorldStrides reserves the right to make audio and visual records of any of its programs, and participant agrees that WorldStrides may use any such records for promotional and/or commercial purposes, as well as approves of such uses by third parties whom WorldStrides may engage, all without any remuneration to participant. Participant assigns to WorldStrides all rights, titles, and interest in or to any and all media related to a WorldStrides program without any remuneration to participant including photographs provided directly to WorldStrides or through websites in which participant's name or likeness might be used or appear.

WorldStrides reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any participant in the All Star Invitational Marching Band. In the event a participant is expelled from the program, no refund of any kind will be made. These terms and conditions can be changed only by a writing signed by an officer of WorldStrides.

Participants will be staying in select hotel, campus, or similar accommodations at the discretion of WorldStrides. Participants are responsible for handling their own luggage at all times.

Participants understand that they are solely responsible for their pre-program, program, and post-program medical care in all respects, including, but not limited to, obtaining and taking necessary medication(s), vaccinations and any other medical care and treatment.

Arbitration: Any dispute concerning this contract, the Terms & Conditions and/or rules and regulations concerning the trip, the literature arising out of or relating to the trip and/or arising out of or relating to the trip itself including, but not limited to, any events and circumstances occurring during the trip, shall be resolved solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Charlottesville, Virginia pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the substantive (but not procedural) law of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall apply. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator may, but is not required to, award attorney's fees to the prevailing party. Each party irrevocably and unconditionally expressly submits to the foregoing binding arbitration agreed for the purposes of dispute resolution hereunder and further irrevocably and unconditionally waives any and all jurisdictional, venue and convenience objections or defenses to such arbitration or to any related action, suit or proceeding in the courts of Virginia to enforce this Agreement to arbitrate or any award rendered therefrom..

PROGRAM COST AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Program Cost Adjustments: Program cost is subject to adjustment if the minimum enrollment is not met, if the program content changes or in the event of circumstances beyond WorldStrides' direct control. These include, but are not limited to, increases in travel security charges, government imposed fees and taxes, fuel and energy costs and charges, and vendor imposed schedule changes or delays.

Payment Plan: You will have three payment options: (1) pay in full (2) make regularly scheduled installment payments under an installment plan established by WorldStrides or (3) establish automatic payments to be charged to your checking account at a US banking institution via WorldStrides EZPay program. If you choose number (2) above, WorldStrides charges a \$6 non-refundable handling fee on each installment payment following your registration, except the initial deposit and the final payment. There are NO HANDLING FEES associated with payments made through the EZPay program.

Reservations are not transferable at any time. All programs must be paid in full by the final payment deadline. Your program space is not guaranteed if you do not adhere to the terms of the chosen payment plan.

Application, Selection, and Registration: All applicants must submit a \$295 participation deposit with their completed application. All but a \$10 application review fee is refunded if the applicant is not selected as an All Star. If an applicant is selected as an All Star, he/she is automatically registered in the program. The deposit is not refundable if an applicant is selected and subsequently cancels his/her participation for any reason. Should a participant fall behind in meeting the chosen payment plan payments or fail to respond with required information or forms (including the Emergency Medical Release and Behavior Contract) by established deadlines, WorldStrides may, at its discretion, cancel the participant's place in the program and offer it to a selected First Runner-up participant. In such circumstances, no refund will be given. WorldStrides reserves the right to adjust the applicant selection process and the number or type of performing groups as it deems necessary to accommodate the volume and mix of applications that are received and ensure a successful performance and program.

Late Payment Fees: If your balance is not paid in full by the final payment deadline, WorldStrides charges a \$60 late payment fee. The fee for any late payments made after any

scheduled payment date is \$15. No personal checks or business checks will be accepted after the final payment deadline.

There is a \$35 service charge on returned checks, declined credit cards, and declined or returned electronic payments.

Transportation: All transportation to and from South Florida for participation in the program is the sole responsibility of the program participant and his/her guardian. This expense is not included in the program cost. Participants will be given a window of time during which they should arrive at the designated airport. During this time period, program staff will be present to greet the participant and facilitate transfer to the hotel on a program-provided shuttle. Additionally, participants will be given a window of time during which they should depart from the designated airport at the end of the program. During this time period, program staff will be present to facilitate transfer from the hotel to the airport on a program-provided shuttle. Participants that arrive or depart outside of these time windows or at a location other than the designated airport will be responsible for their own transportation (and associated expense) to and from the designated program hotel(s). Program components missed for any reason, including transportation delays, will not result in refunds. Program participants will be notified of the arrival and departure time windows and designated airport by November 2013.

Medical Insurance: All participants are provided accident, illness, and accident-related dental insurance coverage (underwritten by American Income Life) up to \$7,500 for accident, \$1,500 for illness, and \$750 for accident-related dental. Pre-existing conditions are not covered (full details are available by calling 1-800-849-4820). Any charges not covered are the responsibility of the participant.

Supervision/Behavior: WorldStrides and program staff and chaperones establish behavior rules and directions for all student participants. Failure to abide by the rules or directions may result in the participant being sent home at the parents' expense without any right to a refund. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs of any kind, as well as violation of certain other rules, constitutes grounds for immediate expulsion. All participants are responsible for their own actions at all times. On occasion, participants may be allowed to explore on their own. WorldStrides has no responsibility for participants when they are on their own.

Preparation: Should a participant arrive to the program unprepared to perform the assigned pieces, ASI may decline to allow the participant to perform. In such case, no refund will be given.

Sheet Music: Participants are responsible for returning their sheet music to ASI immediately following the performance. If the music is not returned the participant will be responsible for any costs or fees.

Privacy: Because the nature of our business requires coordination with various providers who deliver the travel services and activities of the program, it is necessary to share some personal information that you have provided.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation Notices: All cancellations must be made in writing by or on behalf of the person listed on the registration form to All Star Invitational Marching Band, P.O. Box 9033, Charlottesville, VA 22906-9033, must be postmarked prior to the program commencement date, and must include account number, registrant's name, and complete address. Refunds are subject to the following Cancellation Policy and are only issued to the person listed on the account. All refunds are issued in the original payment form that was made to the account; the refund process takes approximately four to six weeks. There will be no refunds for unused services or program features.

Participants are expected to show up at the assigned meeting place on the first day of the program. Failure to do so without notifying WorldStrides will result in cancellation without a refund.

Cancellation Policy: If an accepted participant cancels, WorldStrides will retain:

- The \$295 deposit if the cancellation letter is postmarked by September 25, 2013.
- 50% of the base program cost* if the cancellation letter is postmarked by October 15, 2013.
- 75% of the base program cost* if the cancellation letter is postmarked by December 10, 2013
- 100% of the base program cost* if the cancellation letter is postmarked after December 10, 2013.

This policy does not apply in the event of WorldStrides' bankruptcy, insolvency, or cessation of business.

* Please Note: The non-refundable deposit, handling charges, merchandise fees, fees for returned bank checks or declined credit cards, fees for electronic drafts such as EZPay, or late payments and late registration fees are not refundable.

Cancellation by a Supplier: (For California residents only) Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions, if any, of the contract for transportation or travel services, all sums paid to WorldStrides for services not received by you will be promptly refunded by WorldStrides to you unless you otherwise advise WorldStrides in writing. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the state of California. WorldStrides' principal office is located in Charlottesville, VA. This transaction is not covered by the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. You are not eligible to file a claim against that Fund in the event of WorldStrides' default. (For Washington State residents only) If transportation or other services are canceled by WorldStrides, all sums paid to WorldStrides for services not performed in accordance with the contract between WorldStrides and the consumer will be refunded within 30 days of receiving funds from the supplier with whom the services were arranged, or if the funds were not sent to the supplier, the funds shall be returned within fourteen days after cancellation by WorldStrides to the consumer unless the consumer requests WorldStrides apply the money to another travel product and/or date.

USTOA Membership Means You're Protected: WorldStrides, as an Active Member of USTOA, is required to post \$1 Million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of WorldStrides' customers in the unlikely event of WorldStrides' bankruptcy, insolvency, or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 Million posted by WorldStrides may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by WorldStrides. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2014, New York, New York 10016, or by e-mail to information@ustoa.com or by visiting their website at www.ustoa.com.

Seller of Travel Numbers:

California Seller of Travel Registration No: 2041618-20

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ALL STAR INVITATIONAL MARCHING BAND

BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Official Director Nomination Form
December 30, 2013 – January 4, 2014

Please Note: This form is not required if a student was notified that he/she has already been nominated by a director

Dear Director:

The All Star Invitational Marching Band strives to identify talented student performers worldwide. Individual students are brought together for several days of rehearsal under distinguished music directors. This work is in preparation for two performances at the Discover Orange Bowl, showcasing the talent of these hand-picked performers. Participation in the All Star Invitational Marching Band is by selection only. All student applications are reviewed by a board of professional musicians and conductors to select the All Stars. In order to apply, we require that a student be nominated (recommended) by a music director or teacher with whom he or she has worked. We would appreciate you taking a moment to share your thoughts with us about the student performer named above. Please return this to the student in a sealed envelope, to be submitted with his/her application.

Nominating Director Information

Form for Nominating Director Information including fields for Student Name, Director Name, Title / Dept., School Name, Address, City, State/Province, Postal Code, Email, Phone, and Signature.

Performer Evaluation

Please rate the applicant's ability on a scale of 1-5 (1 – weak, 5 – very strong).

Performer Evaluation form with sections for Musical or Performance Ability, Marching Talent, Showmanship, Achievement and Potential, Dedication, and Overall Character, each with a 1-5 scale and a comments line.

Five horizontal lines for additional notes or comments.