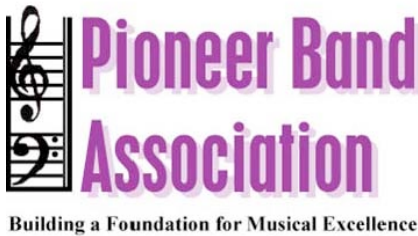


FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PIONEER BAND FAMILIES



The Band Program at Pioneer High School is an offering of the Ann Arbor Public Schools

Research continually demonstrates that music students on average perform at the highest academic levels. Our goal is to ensure that *all students* are able to participate in the highest quality educational experience. **Your tax dollars** and additional public funding pay for directors' salaries, uniforms and a budgeted amount for music and equipment.

The Vital Role of the Pioneer Band Association

The Pioneer Band Association (PBA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide financial and physical support to the directors, students and families of the Pioneer Band Program. Our purpose is to promote and enhance the quality of the total band experience for all. To achieve these goals, the PBA

pledges to (1) support the band program with supplemental financial aid and with the donation of volunteer time and talents; (2) encourage excellence in musicianship; (3) encourage and nurture the social growth and friendships of both students and parents; and (4) work to foster responsibility, pride, school spirit and good sportsman ship. PBA is a conduit for funding and facilitating the many activities and opportunities that supplement the classroom activities of this robust program. Your participation through the annual member fee, program fees, fundraising, and volunteer activities is necessary to provide our students with the quality program that makes the Pioneer Bands an award winning educational experience.

PBA is a Volunteer Organization

Our regular membership is open to all current band member students and parents, with associate and honorary memberships available to alumni and community patrons. Our leadership is provided by an executive board of elected officers drawn from our regular membership, as well as committee chairs and activity leaders. Participation in monthly meetings and volunteering of your time and resources is crucial to our success as a booster club. PBA covers many expenses and provides reimbursements.

Your participation as volunteer.....**PRICELESS**

PBA Annual Member Fee

The Pioneer Band Association incurs many fixed costs throughout the year for items not covered by the Ann Arbor Public Schools, including uniform cleaning, communications (printing, postage, website hosting) and other administrative expenses. We assess an annual membership fee per student to help offset these costs.

PBA Annual member fee, per student**\$30.00**

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Program Activities

BAND CAMP is a special week each August which helps students prepare for the upcoming concert and marching seasons, cements friendships, and offers incoming students a priceless welcome to the Pioneer High School community. Fee includes transportation, lodging, meals, and a band camp t-shirt.

Band Camp fee.....\$375.00

SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL helps students enhance their musical abilities, gives them a chance to be individually adjudicated and to grow in life skills. Fees are dependent upon the size of ensemble and are typically \$8 per student per ensemble. Percussion, piano and State Proficiency exams cost a bit more.

District Solo & Ensemble Festival (January) per solo, **\$10.00**; piano, **\$20.00**

..... per student, per ensemble, **\$8.00**

State Solo & Ensemble Festival (March) per solo (9th Grade), **\$15.00**; percussion or piano **\$25.00**

..... Proficiency Examination (10th-12th Grade), **\$21.00**

..... per student, per ensemble, **\$9.00**

Accompanist Fees(varies by accompanist and rehearsal schedule)

BANDS IN REVIEW is our annual concert in March showcasing all the AAPS bands. Band students are expected to sell tickets to support our music programs and showcase our program to the community.

Symphony and Concert Band students (one \$10 family ticket; two \$5 individual tickets)**\$20.00**

Varsity Band students (one \$10 family ticket; one \$5 individual tickets)**\$15.00**

Social Activities

BAND PICNIC (September) allows our Pioneer Band families to meet, eat, and play as we start the new school year. **Band Picnic**, family contribution**Dish To Pass**

SENIOR OMEGA AD (due in September; published in May) supports the PBA's salute to the senior class in the school yearbook.

Senior Omega Ad, per Senior student**\$6.00**

BOWLING PARTY (January) is a fun-filled event for band students to kick off the second half of the year!

Bowling Party (student contribution)**\$5.00**

BAND BANQUET (May) celebrates our band students, our seniors, and our band families!

Band Banquet, adult ticket.....**\$13.00 Band**

Banquet, child ticket (age 12 & under)**\$8.00**

SPIRIT APPAREL with Pioneer Bands embroidery or imprint, available all year

Apparel Items, variety available **\$5.00-\$35.00**

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Special Activities

BI-ANNUAL SPRING TOUR combines travel and concert experiences outside of our regular program activities for our Sym phony, Concert and Jazz Band student.

Spring Tour Fee, per student.....Vary depending on tour destination, itineraries, transportation requirements, and length of tour.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising is a critical component of our mission. Funds are solicited from band families, friends, patrons, merchants and the community at large through our fundraising activities and our website. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, donations are tax-deductible. (For goods or services purchased, such as those at the Band Gala, the deductible portion is only that amount that exceeds the fair market value of the goods or services received.) Band students and their families are expected to support the fundraising efforts of the PBA each school year through direct and indirect fundraising activities.

ANNUAL DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPECTATION, per family**\$100.00** The direct fundraising expectation can be met through participation in the **various fundraising activities** listed below, others that may be offered, or by making a **GENERAL CASH DONATION**.

CAR WASH (Fall) is our annual wet event held in the Pioneer parking lot. Students solicit pledges from friends, relatives and neighbors for an amount per car washed by the students. All students are expected to help wash and dry cars on the day of the Car Wash. While the Car Wash is free to the community, bucket donations are accepted from those having their cars washed.

Typical Pledges are .05 to .25 per car, with 400-500 cars washed**\$20.00 to \$125.00**

CANDY SALE (Fall) is one of our consistently profitable fundraisers. Students sell two or more boxes of candy to friends, family, and in the community. Families are responsible for purchasing any candy in their boxes which remains unsold.

Fundraising credit, per box**\$24.00**

BAND GALA (March) is an amazing evening of entertainment, fun, and music combined with live and silent auctions.

Band Gala Tickets, each**\$45.00**

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Scholarship Programs

Our goal is to make it possible for each and every band student to fully participate in the Pioneer Band Program. Knowing that the financial burden is difficult for some families, the PBA annually provides scholarships for Pioneer students for band camp tuition, travel, and other band related expenses, based on need.

If payments of any kind ever become difficult, we strongly encourage band families to speak confidentially to the Director of Bands. Financial assistance and scholarships may be available.

Our Scholarship Committee reviews applications carefully and awards scholarships based on need and funds available. Scholarship Application Forms are available from the Director of Bands, in the band room, and online at www.aapioneerbands.org.

- **Band Camp Scholarships** provide credits toward the Band Camp fee.
- **General Assistance Scholarships** provide credits toward program activities.
- **Robert Albritton Scholarship** is a cash award given annually to a deserving band student who will be returning to the band program . The scholarship must be used for an outside music camp or program experience.

Student Accounts

The Pioneer Band Association has a bookkeeping system in place to track student and family fees, payments, and contributions. Statements are always available upon request.

Payments may be made by cash, check (payable to *Pioneer Band Association*), or credit/debit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express). A \$15.00 charge will be assessed for each check returned by your bank.

Some fees are invoiced via e-mail. These invoices may be paid online through our secure banking connection, or through the mail, or by sending payment into the band room office with your student.

Payments may be mailed to:

Pioneer Band Association
601 W. Stadium Blvd.
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

Payments should be clearly identified with the student's name and the activity the payment should be applied to.

Please direct any questions regarding your student's account to the PBA Treasurer at treasurer@aapioneerbands.org

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