



# McMaster Marching Band

## JOB DESCRIPTION: MUSIC DIRECTOR

### Overview:

The McMaster Marching Band serves as a group of musical performers raising morale and spirit within McMaster, the community and abroad through public performances and parades where they act as ambassadors of the university and its student body. The Band will also serve as a common interest and activity for its members, combining both musical aptitude and physical fitness. It will strive to provide a unique, rewarding experience for all of its members.

Reporting to the Co Ordination committee chair, the Music Director is responsible for overall standard of musical performance of the McMaster Marching Band.

The position of Music Director is a great opportunity to expand on leadership and instruction skills and also serves as an opportunity for a great extra-curricular reference if applying to a Teaching Program in his/her future education.

### Duties

- The Music Director will consult with section leaders to ensure parts are distributed according to voicing requirements and appropriate level of difficulty to ensure the best musical quality of the band. The music director will also coordinate with the percussion instructor to ensure all percussion requirements are met.
- The music director will work with the band to provide musical instruction during the ensemble periods of MMB rehearsals. This includes (but is not limited to) weekly practices and workshops.
- The music director may, at the decision of the executive, (should he /she possess the skill-set) hold the role of Drum Major, where he/she will lead the band in public parade and performance.

### Responsibilities

- Attend Regular Co Ordination Committee Meetings (1-2 times a month)
- Weekly Rehearsals
- Occasional Camps/Workshops

- Other musical responsibilities as tasked by the co ordination committee chair
- If selected for position of Drum Major, all major public performances (football games, Welcome Week, parades, public events)

### Experience

- Third or Fourth Year music student (preferred but not necessary)
- Extensive knowledge of music theory and instrument playing technique
- Conducting Experience
- Previous experience with music instruction
- Previous Marching Band experience an asset
- Experience in arranging music would also be an asset

### Skills

- Outgoing and have the ability to motivate and lead.
- Ability to work well with others
- Patience
- Competency with music notation software is an asset
- A sense of humour would be an asset

### Remuneration

The Music Director will be awarded an honorarium of \$100.00 for each successful month of service to a maximum of \$600.00 (Sept—Nov and Jan-March).

Should the music director also hold the role of Drum Major, he/she will be awarded an additional honorarium of \$50.00 per successful month of service to a maximum of an additional \$300.00(Sept—Nov and Jan-March).

Upon completion of the contract, the Music Director will be awarded a letter of reference should one be requested.

The McMaster Marching Band Welcomes Applicants from Students, Faculty, and Community Members. Please submit resume and cover letter to [president@mcmastermarchingband.com](mailto:president@mcmastermarchingband.com). Please indicate if you are also interested in the Drum Major Position