

# Membership Information

Welcome to the Loudoun Symphonic Winds! Thank you for volunteering your time and talents.

Here at Loudoun Symphonic Winds (LSW), we are a community band in the truest sense. We are a flat organization. All members are considered equal contributors. We do not have chair rankings or principal player positions. The parts you may play can vary between concerts, depending on the needs of the section balanced with your wishes. The only hierarchy that exists is the [Conductor](#) – who makes all musical decisions – and the [Board](#) – who manages the organization's operations.

Though we don't hold auditions, we do expect members to demonstrate maturity, understanding the expectation is that you should be capable of performing the music we program.

## New Member Registration

We ask all new members to [register on our website](#) so that we have your contact information such as name, email, and phone number on file. You can choose what parts of your information you are comfortable sharing with other band members.

Only the webmaster, business manager and conductor can see all of your information. Your privacy is important to us and we respect the information privacy of all our members.

If you have trouble with the registration, contact our webmaster [Angelika Kirchmeyer](#).

If you have lost your user-ID or password, you can [generate a new one](#).

## Member Contact Information

Please make sure to keep your contact information accurate at all times! If your email or phone number changes, provide your section leader with the new information and [login to the website](#) to update your information.

## Membership Fees

Each season, we ask for a Membership Fee in the amount of \$50 to help fund our operation. For continuing members, the Membership Fee is due with beginning of the new season. For new members, the Membership Fee is due upon joining the band. If you join us after January 1st, the amount for the season is reduced to \$25.

We ask new members to make a commitment after performing one concert with us.

If you need your Membership Fee to be waived due to financial hardship , please contact our Treasurer Debbie Herbert.

## Band Announcements

By registering on our website you will automatically be subscribed to receive email announcements. We share information such as rehearsal order or concert location. You can also login in at the website to see the [latest band announcements](#).

You can unsubscribe from the band newsletter at any time, however, we recommend that you keep yourself up to date with the information that concerns the band.

## **Rehearsals**

We rehearse on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Rehearsals are held in the Band Room of Park View High School, 400 W. Laurel Avenue, Sterling, VA

We do expect that you work on your music at home and that you bring a professional attitude to our rehearsals.

## **Rehearsal Attendance**

Even though Loudoun Symphonic Winds is an all-volunteer concert band, we can only provide a satisfying musical experience if our members commit to regularly attending rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and performances.

If you cannot make a rehearsal, please let your Section Leader know. Section Leaders track the attendance of their section members. The overall rule is that dress rehearsal attendance is mandatory and that you do not miss more than two rehearsals for a performance.

If you miss more than two rehearsals or the dress rehearsal, please inform your Section Leader who will communicate with the Conductor. The Conductor will make the determination as to whether you can play the concert. The Conductor's determination will be based on the section's needs.

## **Section Leaders**

Every section has a Section Leader. The Section Leader is your immediate contact person for all matters concerning the band and your direct line of communication. If you are new to the band, please introduce yourself to your Section Leader and share your contact information with him/her.

Section Leaders serve solely as administrators: Section Leaders do not make musical decisions. Section Leaders confirm the section roster for each concert. They coordinate the distribution of parts. If in question, they defer to the Conductor concerning any questions regarding the equitable distribution of parts. They monitor rehearsal and performance attendance and resolve issues that may arise within the section.

Should issues arise among members in the section that the Section Leader is unable to resolve, they will contact the Business Manager.

## **Administrative Officers**

LSW currently has appointed officers for the following roles and duties:

- Music Director
- Business Manager
- Treasurer
- Librarian
- Marketing Director
- Web Master / Graphic Artist
- Stage Manager

- Door Sales / Concessions
- Fundraising

You can see the list of currently serving officers [here](#). To access their [contact information](#) such as phone numbers and email addresses, you need to be registered as member of the band and you need to be logged in.

### **Concert Attire**

The concert attire depends on the venue and type of concert.

For indoor evening performances, the concert attire is usually formal: Tuxedos for men, black evening wear for women.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteer Opportunities exist in abundance. Please consider to be involved in the operation of Loudoun Symphonic Winds. Talk to the Business Manager or any Board Member if you or family and friends are interested to help.