



Sultana High School Instrumental Music

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Dear _____,

As a member of the Sultana High School Black and Teal Brigade, I'm pleased and excited to inform you that our marching band was nominated by our city mayor, Mr. Bill Holland, to perform in the **2017 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.** I am thrilled to have the opportunity to participate in this monumental event in our nation's capital celebrating our country's military heroes! Our band will march down Constitution Avenue in the heart of the Capitol in front of spectators numbering in the hundreds of thousands, representing Hesperia and the State of California. We will also appear on national television, as well as be broadcast to troops watching overseas.

The group will travel to Washington, D.C. over Memorial Day weekend, during which time we will take part in a complete program of educational sightseeing, patriotic and fun activities along with the parade experience. Among the sightseeing planned is a tour of the Washington, Lincoln, Vietnam, Martin Luther King, and World War II memorials, and visits to the Smithsonian Institution Museum, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Ford's Theater, and the Petersen House. We will attend the National Symphony Orchestra Memorial Concert on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building, and experience the fun of the Six Flags America theme park. We will also tour the Arlington National Cemetery and participate in a special U.S. Military Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Would you be kind enough to make a contribution to my educational trip?

I am asking those I think would be willing to generously donate any amount to assist with my personal fundraising efforts in reaching my goal. The total cost for this once-in-a-lifetime experience is \$1,600 per student performer, which includes all flight and luxury motorcoach transportation, 4-star hotel accommodations, meals, tours, and activities. Although full sponsorship would be wonderful, it is not expected. Any assistance is greatly appreciated and places me closer to our band's goal of going to Washington D.C. for the parade. Also, all sponsorship donations are also tax deductible! I plan to share my parade photographs and experiences with donors like you when I return from the trip.

If you can make any financial contribution to our trip, please use the included form and follow the instructions listed on it to make your contribution. You can also contact me directly or visit our band website at www.sultanaband.org if you need more information.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support in helping me experience this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Sincerely yours,

Sultana Black & Teal Brigade Marching Band Member