

The Tidewater Winds
Student Intern Program



John Brewington * Music Director

The Tidewater Winds is a professional concert band performing in the tradition of the Sousa Band. 2015 marks our 30th year of free summer concerts held in Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach. Under the baton of Maestro John H. Brewington, the Tidewater Winds will be presenting a four week season.

For 30 years, the Tidewater Winds has provided a valuable training platform for Tidewater's advanced high school musicians through our Student Intern Program. This program provides an opportunity for high school students to gain professional performance experience during our summer season. Each student intern is paired with a professional musician to mentor them throughout their time with the "Winds". Student Interns are encouraged to seek advice/help with the music or any other aspect of playing with the band. At the end of the season, the student intern is evaluated on preparedness, musical ability, deportment and progress within the group. These evaluations will then be made available to the student.

We encourage you to consider this opportunity for advanced students. All applicants to the program must meet the requirements outlined below.

Requirements for the Student Intern Program:

1. Applicants must be a member of the Top All District Concert or Symphonic Band, and/or a member of the All-Virginia Band, currently enrolled in a public or private school band program.
2. Applicants must complete the enclosed Student Intern Registration form with both their band director's and parent's signatures.
3. Applicants must have a recommendation from their band director or private instructor. Please make sure recommendations are submitted with this registration form.
4. All applicants must be available during the month of July. All rehearsals are mandatory. If you are unable to make a scheduled rehearsal, you will not be eligible to play that week.
5. All applicants must take the audition scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd at Granby High School. Audition materials are available on the Tidewater Winds official website www.tidewaterwinds.org or by request via e-mail.
6. Each student is required to provide a short essay recapping their experience as a part of the Tidewater Winds ensemble during the summer season.

Please send the registration form and letters of recommendation to the Personnel Manager of the Tidewater Winds at dcorbliss@gmail.com no later than May 15th. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Name of Student Instrument Grade Level

High School Band Director Private Instructor

Home Address City State ZIP

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) Home Phone # Mobile Phone#

Parent/Guardian's Signature Student's Signature Band Director Signature