

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Music Department

4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 240-740-0434

A GRAMMY Signature School



Tri-M Chapter 513 Program Guidelines 2017-2018

Dear Student Musician:

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School music faculty invites you to apply for membership in Tri-M Chapter 513. Tri-M, or Modern Music Masters, is a music honor society in which you may gain membership for your music-related accomplishments. Tri-M members are selected for their exceptional scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Thank you for your time and interest. We look forward to reviewing your Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter 513 application.

Mr. Marshall White, Chapter Advisor and Instrumental Music Teacher

To be considered for induction into Chapter 513, verify the following criteria:

- **Music Participation** – Sophomore, Junior, or Senior candidates may be inducted. Candidates must have been enrolled for a minimum of three semesters of ensemble performance classes by the beginning of their Junior year. After selection and induction, students must enroll for at least three out of four semesters of ensemble class during your last two years of high school. Additionally, students must **currently** be enrolled in an ensemble to qualify for membership.
 - **Grades / Scholarship** – Candidates must have maintained a high school grade point average of no less than 3.0 for all music classes and 2.0 for all classes combined.
 - **Leadership / Service** – Candidates must meet at least **five** of the following benchmarks:
 - Audition for All-County ensemble
 - Audition for All-State ensemble
 - Perform in the school pit orchestra
 - Participate in a chamber or specialty ensemble (i.e. barbershop vocal group or string quartet)
 - Perform at Solo and Ensemble Festival
 - Perform or setup at the Cabaret
 - Volunteer for B-CC Music activities
 - Take private lessons
 - Be enrolled in an ensemble every semester of high school
 - Be enrolled as an IB Music candidate
 - Be enrolled in Honors Music
 - Serve as a section leader and/or assist with sectional rehearsals or coaching
 - Participate in at least two Music Booster fundraisers
 - Attend at least one Spring Music Trip
 - Tutor elementary, middle, or high school students in their musical disciplines
 - Participate in Pep Band
- **Character** – Candidates must have perfect attendance at all scheduled performances. In addition, the following criteria must be evidenced by the candidate:
 - Sets an example of good citizenship
 - Follows school policies and procedures
 - Willing to accept responsibility
 - Respectful of others and their property
 - Honest
 - Reliable
 - Punctual
 - Truthful
 - Patient
 - Understanding

Submit the following to Mr. White by **October 4**. Clearly label all materials with your name and student ID.

- One copy of your **current transcript** OR copies of all report cards to-date.
- Check (above) the **applicable Leadership/Service criteria**. Sign, to agree to the rules and expectations of Tri-M.
- At least **one recommendation letter** using the attached form.

Tri-M Rules and Expectations

1. “I will attend all regularly scheduled meetings.” Meetings are at school during lunch, the first Monday of every month, in the Band Room. Attendance will be taken at the start of each meeting. If you miss one meeting, you will go on probation. If you miss two, you will need to reapply to become a member of Tri-M again for the following year.
2. “I will perform at one (or more) of the Sounds for Seniors program, or perform in at least one in-school informal recitals to be held at lunch in the atrium or during a Tri-M meeting.” Dates of the Sounds for Seniors and informal recitals will be determined during one of our meetings.
3. “I will help setup for our concerts, or the Battle of the Bands, Cabaret, or other music sponsored event. If you fail to show up for your assigned spot, you will be on probation.

I understand and agree to the terms of the Rules and Expectations for Tri-M.

Printed Name _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Phone _____

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Music Department
 4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814 240-740-0434
A GRAMMY Signature School



Tri-M Chapter 513 Letter of Recommendation 2017-2018

Dear B-CC Faculty Member,

You have been asked to serve as a reference for a student applying for membership in Chapter 513 of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The music department faculty greatly appreciates your time and effort in helping us to evaluate this student better. This form will be held in confidence and will not be shared with the student.

Student Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____ year(s)

In what capacity?

In addition to scholarship (academic grades), membership requirements for this organization include excellence in **service, leadership, and character**. Please rate this candidate's demonstration of each characteristic.

	I highly recommend		I do not recommend		
Service	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership	5	4	3	2	1
Character	5	4	3	2	1

If you like, cite examples the student has shown in these areas and add comments that would help the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Music Department faculty with its selection. Attach a second piece of paper, if needed. Please return this form to Mr. White by **October 4, 2017**.

Signature: _____ Date: _____