

West Virginia Marching Band Invitational Governor's Cup Marching Band Series

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Dear Band Director,

Hello, my name is Randall Reid-Smith, and I am contacting you on behalf of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH). Along with hosting the tenth annual West Virginia Marching Band Invitational (WVMBI) this season WVDACH is introducing the Governor's Cup Marching Band Series. This series will help promote the department's educational VH1 Save The Music Foundation program, which provides free musical instruments to middle schools throughout our state. The series will also allow us to award prize money to high school bands.

This marching band season, as we come out of the pandemic, we will work with local band competitions to promote a Governor's Cup Series. The WVDACH will present \$1000.00 in cash prizes to the top West Virginia bands at a series of local marching band competitions throughout the state. Participating local competitions are:

- September 11, 2021 – Spring Valley High School “Sound in the Valley”
- September 18, 2021 – Cabell Midland High School “A Knight at the Round Table”
- September 25, 2021 (Morning) - Hurricane High School “Whirlwind of Music”
- September 25, 2021 (Afternoon) – Poca High School “Heritage Day Festival”
- October 2, 2021 (Morning) – Wyoming East High School “Warrior Classic”
- October 2, 2021 (Afternoon) – Beckley Woodrow Wilson High School “Soaring Sounds”
- October 9, 2021 (Morning) – Parkersburg South High School “Patriot Invitational”
- October 9, 2021 (Afternoon) – Parkersburg High School “ PHS Jim Kessell Marching Band Festival
- October 16, 2021 – Musselman High School “Big Apple Marching Band Festival”
- October 23, 2021 – Charleston – The West Virginia Marching Band Invitational
- October 30, 2021 – Philip Barbour High School – Governor's Cup Finals

We have the approval to support the selected local contests with prize money for West Virginia High School bands. We will provide \$1000.00 per contest to award to the top West Virginia bands at each contest, and bands will collect points toward the winning of the Governor's Cup.

- \$300.00 – Grand Champion – 5 points toward overall Governor's Cup Standings
- \$200.00 – 1st Runner-Up – 4 points toward overall Governor's Cup Standings
- \$100.00 – 2nd Runner-Up – 3 points toward overall Governor's Cup Standings
- 3rd Runner-Up – 2 points toward overall Governor's Cup Standings
- 4th Runner-Up – 1 point towards overall Governor's Cup Standings
- \$100.00 – Each Class Champion – A, B, C, Classes – 1 point towards overall Governor's Cup Standings

The Governor's Cup Series awards are separate from the local competition. The local competitions will still celebrate their awards. Bands will need to compete in at least 3 local competitions, plus the

West Virginia Marching Band Invitational Championships on October 23rd at Laidley Field in Charleston and compete in the Governor's Cup Finals at Philip Barbour to be eligible for the year end overall Governor's Cup. If a band competes in more than 3 local contests, their best 3 scores would be used for final calculations plus their score at the WVMBI and Governor's Cup Finals. Each host band is eligible at their own competitions to be scored and awarded points towards the Governor's Cup. Governor's Cup finals award money:

- \$3250.00 – Governor's Cup Grand Champion
- \$2000.00 – Governor's Cup 1st Runner-Up
- \$1000.00 – Governor's Cup 2nd Runner-Up
- \$ 750.00 – Governor's Cup 3rd Runner-Up
- \$ 500.00 – Governor's Cup 4th Runner-Up

All West Virginia high school marching bands are invited to apply to participate in the Governor's Cup Series Competitions.

WVDACH is very excited about WVMBI State Competition and the Governor's Cup Series. Our hope is to assist in awarding funds to help with success in promoting marching bands in West Virginia.

We hope you will consider the opportunity to participate in these wonderful events. If you have any questions or comments regarding the WVMBI or Governor's Cup Series, please do not hesitate to contact me at (304)558-0220.

Thank you,

Randall Reid-Smith