



MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MEMBER NAME:

I was recently selected to be a member of Gold Drum and Bugle Corps for the 2026 season! Acceptance into Gold is by audition and is extremely competitive. I was selected to fill one of 165 performer spots in the corps! I'm thrilled to be offered this amazing life-changing opportunity. However, it comes at a considerable cost. I hope you'll consider supporting me in my pursuit of this amazing adventure.

WHAT IS GOLD?

Gold Drum and Bugle Corps was founded in Hawthorne, CA in 2005. Originally known as Hawthorne Gold, the group was formed to expose local students and young adults to a positive youth activity. Through its 20-year history Gold has risen through the ranks of the DCI Open Class to become a perennial contender at the World Championships. Gold has performed at every World Championship since 2012, earning such honors as Open Class Finalist (14 times), Open Class Medalist (6 times) Most Improved (2018), Best Brass Performance (2023), Outstanding Leadership (2023), and Open Class Director of the Year (2023).

Gold's Mission is to enrich the educational, social, ethical and performing-arts lives of young adults through the art of marching music instruction and performance. GOLD Drum & Bugle Corps is an educational program of San Diego-based Gold Youth Arts Organization, Inc., a registered non-profit 501(c)(3).



WHAT IS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

Drum and bugle corps have origins in military traditions dating back to the 19th century, but modern competitive drum corps began to emerge in the early 20th century. There are currently about 40 competitive drums corps in the U.S., who compete under the umbrella of their governing body, Drum Corps International (DCI). *(The oldest currently-active drum corps in the U.S. was founded in 1938!)* Performances occur during the summer months as part of the DCI Summer Tour, culminating in the DCI World Championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Contemporary corps present extravagant marching-musical shows that include complex musical, marching, dance and other performance skills along with elaborate costumes and props. Often referred to as "marching band on steroids," drum corps performers display extraordinary skills, discipline, determination, enthusiasm and work ethic.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

To participate in this experience of a lifetime, I must contribute \$5,900.00 to assist in paying for transportation, housing, meals, equipment, and instructional expenses. I hope you'll consider supporting me by participating in Gold's Member Assistance Program. Any amount you can give will help. Simply complete the bottom portion of this letter, detach, and return to the address listed below. An authorized Gold official will credit my account.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Gold provides an 80+ day intensive performing arts program, including instruction in music and marching, including an immersive national tour. This summer tour experience includes the opportunity to perform approximately 20 shows at iconic stadiums including the Rose Bowl, Stanford Stadium and Lucas Oil Stadium, in front of 100,000 spectators in cities/states nationwide, culminating in the Drum Corps International World Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Participation in Gold also instills confidence and leadership skills, as well as developing a quality of character and a strong work ethic that cannot be taught in any college or university program and is desirable in the real-world workplace.

Your generous contribution will help to provide Gold members with housing, meals, transportation, instruction, rehearsal facilities, costumes, equipment, and the opportunity to build lifelong friendships and share an experience they'll never forget.



WAYS TO HELP

1. Make a donation in the name of a specific member to cover all or a portion of their member fees. (Donations are not tax deductible.)
2. Purchase an ad in our annual program. The program book is sold at 3 Southern California shows, with a combined estimated attendance of 15,000. The designated member receives credit for 75% of the cost of the ad, and you can claim a tax deduction as a business expense. Ad sales begin in early spring.

To donate by credit card, use the link below or scan the QR code. To donate by check, please complete the form below and mail with your check.

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GOLD MEMBER ASSISTANCE

Yes, I will sponsor (member name) _____ for the amount indicated below.

☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$ _____

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

Please make your check payable to GYAO.

Mail to:
Gold Youth Arts Member Assistance Program
P.O. Box 1715, Lemon Grove CA 91946

