

2025 FUSION CORE MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET

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GOALS: To provide our members with positive, healthy, productive, experiences on and off the competitive field that will benefit them throughout their life. We want our members to make meaningful relationships that are made in the marching arts activity. Lastly, we want our member's parents to enjoy the experience as much as the members and we hope everyone will be "Changed for Good"

What are the fees to be a member and what does it include?

The fees are \$2400.00* and will be paid in monthly installments online or by credit card.

Monthly payments are preferred and there are tiered discounts for groups of members coming from the same school and other discount options are available to new members (family, bring a friend, etc.). Monthly payments are preferred and all fees must be paid in full, no later than June 28, 2025.

Your membership fee includes instructional fees, uniform rental, Equipment rental, busses when provided, meals *when provided*, hotel stay in Indianapolis for championships, facilities,

operations costs (i.e. insurance, equipment maintenance, vehicle maintenance including gas & tolls, etc.)

Are there fundraisers?

Yes. We typically will do Gertrude Hawk and Krispy Kreme and Calendar Fundraisers but are open to new ideas. Parents can volunteer and “work” off some of your tuition (see below). We can also provide you with a Sponsorship request form. All donations made to Fusion Core for tuition payment or otherwise are tax deductible. There is a one-time **MANDATORY**, all member fundraiser which goes directly to the Core only and that is a 50/50 fundraiser. Members are obligated to sell 20 50/50 tickets that are \$10.00 each, so start getting together 10 friends now to buy a ticket!!

Where do most rehearsals take place and when?

We are still working out our winter schedule. Chances are, the winter lessons will be virtually with video assignments vs. in person rehearsals. Starting in April, we will meet in person. Our home base is TBD. If you are affiliated with a school and have a contact that may be willing to discuss the opportunity of allowing us to rehearse there during the summer, please let me know.

In the event we do not have a home base by spring, we may be at multiple locations until we do. Once the competition season starts, we will travel to shows either via bus. These are typically overnight events.

Is there housing for the regular season?

No. We currently are not providing housing; however, we are working on possible arrangements. More info on that to be discussed at a later date.

When do the competitions start?

In the near future, you can find our complete season schedule by visiting our website www.fusioncore.org.

Do I have to be at every practice and Competition?

YES, in order for us to provide you with a successful drum corps experience, it is important that our members are 100% committed. We do, however, encourage you to get involved in school events. All we ask is once school and indoor is finished, members are 100% committed to Fusion Core. With such little time, this year more than ever, members will need to commit to the process.

What if I have an allergy?

All members are required to fill out a health form in the membership packet. It is **CRUCIAL** that we have an entire medical history that we can provide a medic in the case of an emergency. If you have a food allergy, we will make sure there is an alternate option available for meals that are provided. If you have severe allergies or have very specific dietary needs, we recommend that you let us know immediately.

Where and When are Championships and how will I get there?

Championship weekend will be held the second weekend in August at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Members will travel by bus. Some families will want to make a trip out of it and plan a family adventure in Indy. That will be tons of fun, but, members must stay with the Core at Core housing and travel via the bus to Lucas Oil for Prelims and Championships.

Are there any social/leisure trips involved that don't involve competing?

Possibly. Depending on the year, we may include an optional trip. Information would be sent out well in advance if there was going to be such an event.

☐ **What are some of the ways my parents can volunteer?**

GREAT QUESTION AND GREAT WAY TO OFFSET YOUR TUITION!!

☐ **TRUCK DRIVERS** - We have a box truck which tows an open trailer. No CDL required.

☐ **Cooks** – (IF APPLICABLE)The way to everyone’s heart is a good meal. We’ll provide the money if you could provide your “chefly” talents. Good/Easy meals are: Pasta with sauce, tacos, hoagies, etc.

☐ **Food Handlers** – Once the food is cooked, the next most important person is the person who serves with a smile. We may have roughly 120 people we’ll need to get through a line in about 90 minutes. We need efficient, calm, friendly people to help make that process happen.

☐ **Merchandising** – We have a great guy who has upped our merch game but we need people to sell at our souvie booths at shows. The souvie team always has a good time. Just bring a chair and smile. We’ll supply the merch! 😊

☐ **Seamstress** –Sometimes members will need last minute fixes to their uniforms. That can be very stressful for the members. Having someone on hand to help would be great. So, if you love sewing and can help, please let us know.

☐ **First Aid** - Mom, dad, other family members who are medical personnel are always welcome. Drum Core is a physical sport and sometimes having a medic on site is super helpful. They don’t have to be doctors. They can be certified medics .

□ **Equipment Manager** – Are you good with spreadsheets and very organized? We can use your skills keeping track of our equipment.

**Sign up is needed preseason. Spots fill up quickly. Since tuition is due prior to the season ending, you will be responsible for repayment of credits towards sign ups that are not satisfied.*

I'm sure there are things I may have missed so please feel free to ask. No question is a stupid question. The more info you have, the better experience you will have.

Thanks for reading!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 973-945-5367 or email me at holly.marino@fusioncore.org.