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## RFE COMPETITIVE GRANTS APPLICATION

**Applicant's name:** Sean Donnelly

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**Applicant's position:**

*Band Director, Randolph High School*

**Grant Title:** Essential Band Equipment for National Showcase in Washington, D.C.

**What is the total budget for your proposal?** Approximately \$800.00

**Grade(s) affected by the grant:** Grades 8–12

**School(s) affected by the grant:** Randolph High School (+ select RCMS 8th grade band students)

**Total number of students to be directly affected by this grant:** Approximately 60 students

**Please provide a brief (one paragraph) summary of your proposal. You will have an opportunity to provide further details below:**

This grant seeks to fund new marching percussion equipment and parade music for the Randolph High School Band's upcoming performance at the 2026 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. The supplies—including drum heads, mallets, and sticks—are urgently needed to replace old and worn inventory, some of which has not been updated in over a decade. These upgrades will ensure our students represent Randolph with pride, professionalism, and the sound quality expected on a national stage.

**Describe your project in detail. What are you planning to do? How will you do it? Who will benefit from the project? Why is this project important to the education of your students? What do you hope to accomplish? How will you know if this project is a success?**

In May 2026, the Randolph High School Band has been invited to perform in the **National Memorial Day Parade** in Washington, D.C.—a prestigious honor showcasing our community on a national platform. This is an incredible opportunity for our students, families, and the town of Randolph. However, in preparing for this performance, we have identified a critical need: many of our percussion instruments are using **outdated, damaged, or mismatched equipment**, which affects tone quality, tuning stability, and student experience.

This proposal focuses on replenishing essential marching percussion items:

- **Snare and tenor drum heads** (Evans Hybrid & TCX Pro Packs)
- **Marching bass drum heads** (Evans MX2 Series: sizes 18"–26")
- **Marching sticks and mallets** (ProMark snare, tenor, and bass mallets)

Many of these heads have not been replaced in **over 5 years**, leading to tonal inconsistencies and even physical discomfort for students. With new heads and matched sticks, the drumline can rehearse and perform confidently with a uniform, powerful sound. This is not just a technical upgrade—it's an investment in student confidence, pride, and performance quality.

The Foundation's mission to "enhance the quality of education and expand educational opportunities" aligns directly with this project. Our band students have put in countless hours of rehearsal, leadership, and fundraising. They deserve instruments that reflect that dedication.

**What is the proposed start date?** Spring 2026 (upon receipt of equipment; target delivery by March 2026).

**Specifically list all materials and equipment requested along with the itemized cost, and the source of quote:**

Budget:

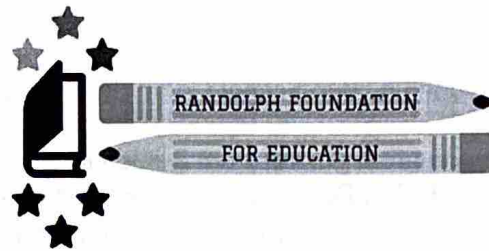
Item Description	Quantity	Total
ProMark Jeff Ausdemore Marching Snare Sticks	4	\$25.12
ProMark TS7 Tenor Sticks	2	\$18.72
ProMark Bass Drum Mallets (OBD1–OBD5)	5 pairs	\$88.69
Evans Hybrid White Snare Drum Heads (14")	3	\$87.84
Evans MS3 Clear Snare Side Heads (14")	3	\$23.97
Evans TCX Clear Tenor Drum Heads – Pro Pack	2 packs	\$60.80
Evans MX2 Black Marching Bass Heads (18"–26")	10 total	\$300.64
Marching Band Parade Music Arrangement	1	approx \$100
Subtotal		\$705.78
Estimated Shipping		\$60.00

**I verify that a copy of this application has been submitted to the applicable school principal who has approved its content and proposed expenditures.**

  
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### RFE COMPETITIVE GRANTS APPLICATION

**Applicant's name:** Fernando Zevallos

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**Applicant's position:**

*Colorguard Director, Randolph High School*

**Grant Title:** Color Guard Parade Uniforms for National and Community Performances

**What is the total budget for your proposal?**

Option 1 – Washington, D.C. Performance (12 uniforms):

\$959.40

(12 uniforms × \$79.95)

Option 2 – Full Program Inventory (20 uniforms):

\$1,599.00

(20 uniforms × \$79.95)

**Grade(s) affected by the grant:** Grades 8–12

**School(s) affected by the grant:** Randolph High School

**Total number of students to be directly affected by this grant:** 12–20 students annually  
(depending on funding level)

**Please provide a brief (one paragraph) summary of your proposal. You will have an opportunity to provide further details below:**

This grant requests funding for new **color guard parade uniforms** to support the Randolph High School Color Guard's performances at community and national events. These royal blue tunics will be used during our **National Memorial Day Parade appearance in Washington, D.C.**, as well as in local parades, civic ceremonies, and public performances throughout the year.

Funding at the **12-uniform level** will ensure that all students marching in the Washington, D.C. parade are properly outfitted. Funding at the **20-uniform level** will allow us to establish a permanent, school-owned uniform inventory that supports continued program growth and community engagement.

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The Randolph High School Color Guard program is experiencing tremendous growth and success:

- Program growth from 2 students → 6 → 14 → over 20 this winter season
- NESBA Division Champions last season
- Increased student interest, commitment, and performance opportunities

This year, our band and color guard have been invited to perform in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. — an extraordinary honor and a chance to represent Randolph on a national stage.

Unfortunately, our current uniform inventory is:

- Outdated
- Limited in size range
- Insufficient in quantity

We currently do not own enough matching parade uniforms to properly outfit our guard.

### **Why Parade Uniforms Matter**

Color guard field show uniforms are custom-designed every season and change based on show theme, music, and visual design. While these costumes are perfect for competition, they are:

- Not reusable
- Not appropriate for civic performances
- Not reflective of a consistent school identity

The requested Cadence Color Guard Tunics (royal blue) are designed specifically for parades and public ceremonies. They are:

- Timeless and professional
- Durable and reusable
- Inclusive across body types and sizes
- Appropriate for formal community events

These uniforms will be worn at:

- National Memorial Day Parade (Washington, D.C.)
- Randolph 4th of July Parade
- Local Memorial Day ceremonies
- Community performances and school events

### **Two Levels of Support**

Option 1 – 12 Uniforms (\$959.40)

This level ensures:

- Every student marching in Washington, D.C. has a proper uniform
- Students represent Randolph with pride on a national stage
- Immediate need is met for this historic performance

## Option 2 – 20 Uniforms (\$1,599.00)

This level provides:

- A complete RHS-owned uniform inventory
- Size flexibility for current and future students
- Long-term sustainability
- Continued use at parades and civic events for many years

These tunics are part of a standard catalog line, meaning:

- Additional units can be purchased in future years
- Visual consistency is preserved
- Inventory can grow with the program

**What is the proposed start date?** Spring 2026 (upon receipt of equipment; target delivery by March 2026).

**Specifically list all materials and equipment requested along with the itemized cost, and the source of quote:**

### Budget

Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
Cadence Color Guard Tunic (Royal Blue)	12	\$79.95	\$959.40
Cadence Color Guard Tunic (Royal Blue)	20	\$79.95	\$1,599.00

Vendor: Band Shoppe

Product: Cadence Color Guard Tunic

<https://www.bandshoppe.com/product/the-cadence-color-guard-tunic/>

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