

Spring Sponsorship Drive



Simi Valley High School Music Department

Daniel M. Sternberg, Director

Dear _____,

As you may or may not know, I am participating in the _____ at Simi Valley High School, a music department related program that is significantly supported financially by parents and fundraising. Unfortunately, music programs are grossly underfunded by the State of California and the school districts, so it is up to us to ensure that a quality program continues at our school.

To help us pay for our classes, we're launching our first Annual Spring Sponsorship Drive! 100% of all funds that I raise will be put directly into my student account, which I can use for classes this year, or even next year! The Sponsorship Drive is made up purely of donations, which means I don't have to sell anything, and all money collected goes directly to helping me cover my department fees.

You might be wondering why students are asked to pay fees for public school programs. (We often wonder this ourselves!) Briefly, music related programs are very costly and consistently underfunded. Whether it is instrument repair, renting formal attire for performances, maintaining and purchasing uniforms, or purchasing of services to support the groups, or purchasing equipment and instruments, like music, performance drills, instruments, color guard props, jazz band electronics, etc. Even the simplest teaching supplies, like copy paper, markers and pencils aren't fully covered by the budget provided by the school. Maintaining a quality program like we have at SVHS just can't survive on public funding!

I am writing to you in the hope that you will be able to sponsor me, personally. Every little bit helps, so even if you can only spare \$5 or \$10, I'd really appreciate it. If you can spare a little more, the Music Boosters have provided me with a gift that I can give out to people who donate \$25 or more. It is a CD of Jazz selections from our Jazz Ensembles, which I will provide to you once the boosters record the donation.

Again, the funds go directly to my student account, which is maintained by the Music Boosters, so you can send your donation in my name to their address by filling out the form below, and returning this letter in the addressed envelope I've provided.

Thank you very much, in advance, for your help. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Yes, I'd like to sponsor _____. I have included \$ _____. Please deposit this donation into his/her student account with the Music Boosters, so it can be used to cover fees for the music department program of his/her choice.

Thank you,

Please make checks payable to "SVHS Music Boosters" and put the *student name* in the Memo portion of the check. Thank You.

Please PRINT Sponsor's Name (your name) Here