



2023 PLD Band Washington DC Trip Commitment Form

Must be completed for each band student by Sept. 16

The PLD Band will be traveling to Washington, DC April 19-23, 2023. This trip will involve performing as a band as well as sightseeing in DC. For school purposes, this will be an official field trip. More information about the trip can be [found here](#).

The band boosters want to make this trip available for all band students regardless of ability to pay. That said, this trip involves significant expenses. We'll need families who can contribute to the cost of the trip to do so and we'll need to do some special fundraising in order to cover the band's overhead costs for the trip. We believe this will be a special experience of making memories for our band students!

The full cost of the trip is \$1,015 per student based on quad hotel room occupancy. (The price for chaperones will be higher if a single, double, or triple occupancy room is chosen). This includes hotel, food, entrance fees, and transportation. It does not include extra spending or souvenir money. Parents are able to go on the trip as chaperones, but will be required to pay the full cost of the trip. Scholarships will only be provided to band students who need and request financial assistance.

This form must be completed for every band student (even if they are not going on the trip) and must be returned to the red box or pld.band.treasurer@gmail.com by Friday, September 16.

The form must be accompanied by a \$75 non-refundable deposit. If your form and deposit are not returned by the September 16 deadline, your spot cannot be guaranteed for the trip.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email & Phone Number: _____

Student Participation:

- **Yes, my child will be participating in the DC trip and we can pay the full \$1,015 fee.** We will:
 - Pay in full
 - Pay according to the payment schedule below.
 - We have paid the \$75 deposit by check, cash, venmo, paypal, etc.

- **Yes, my child will be participating in the DC trip. We can pay a portion of the total fee, but would like to request a partial scholarship.**
 We can pay: \$ _____ toward the cost of the trip. We will:
 - Pay in full
 - Pay according to the payment schedule below.
 - We have paid the \$75 deposit by check, cash, venmo, paypal, etc.

- **Yes, my child will be participating in the DC trip and we need to request a full scholarship.** *Students requesting a full scholarship do not need to submit the \$75 deposit.*

- **My child will not be able to attend the DC trip.** If possible, please let us know the reason. We don't want any student to be left out if possible. _____

Chaperone Support: Parents are welcome to join the trip as chaperones. Each parent who wishes to chaperone must pay the full cost of the trip. *Note: The cost for chaperones may be a bit more than the base cost depending on the room type chosen. The base cost is based on 4 people in a room.*

- **Yes I'd like to chaperone. I know that as a chaperone I will be expected to pay the cost of the trip (and possibly extra depending on my room type).** *Chaperones will be chosen closer to the trip based on the needs of the band and previous chaperone experience.*

Number of parents willing to chaperone: _____

Names of parents willing to chaperone: _____

I/we will pay the following:

- Base Cost (4 per room): \$1,015
- Triple Occupancy Cost: \$1,082
- Double Occupancy Cost: \$1,217
- Single Occupancy Cost: \$1,623

We will:

- Pay in full
- Pay according to the payment schedule below.
- We have paid the \$75 deposit by check, cash, venmo, paypal, etc.

Fundraising Support:

- **I can make a special donation to help with scholarships and trip expenses. I'll add this on to my total fee.** Amount you can donate: \$_____
- **I'm willing to help plan fundraisers to help with the trip expenses.**

Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy:

Paying in Full: If you marked above that you plan to pay in full, please submit the amount you are paying by the first due date.

Payment Due Dates:

- September 16, 2022: \$75 non-refundable deposit
- Payment 1: October 31, 2022
 - If paying the full amount, \$235 is due at this time.
 - If requesting a partial scholarship, ¼ of what you're able to pay (minus the \$75 deposit) is due.
- Payment 2: November 30, 2022
 - If paying the full amount, \$235 is due at this time.
 - If requesting a partial scholarship, ¼ of what you're able to pay (minus the \$75 deposit) is due.
- Payment 3: January 15, 2023
 - If paying the full amount, \$235 is due at this time.
 - If requesting a partial scholarship, ¼ of what you're able to pay (minus the \$75 deposit) is due.
- Payment 4: February 15, 2023
 - If paying the full amount, \$235 is due at this time.
 - If requesting a partial scholarship, ¼ of what you're able to pay (minus the \$75 deposit) is due.

Payment Method:

- **Venmo:** @pldband (last 4 digits of the phone # are 3925). (Note: there are no fees on Venmo payments).
- **Band Website:** The option to pay via the website will be available by Aug. _____. Check the website for payment options at that date. (Note: The band pays a fee on payments made through the website.)
- **Paypal:** @pldband (Paul Laurence Dunbar Band Parents' Association) (Note: The band pays a fee on payments made through Paypal).
- **Red Box:** place a check in the red box in the band room.
- **Mail:** mail a check to PLD Band, PO Box 910068, Lexington, KY 40591
- **In Person:** Email the treasurer at pld.band.treasurer@gmail.com to make arrangements to pay in person.

** For any payment method, please include the student's name and "DC trip" and whether this is a partial or full payment.

Cancellation Policy:

- The \$75 deposit is non-refundable.
- If you cancel 46 days or more prior to departure, you can receive a full refund minus the \$75 deposit.
- If you cancel within 45 days of departure (on or after March 5), no refund is possible. This is because the band will have already paid the full expense and cannot be refunded by the tour company. It is your responsibility to find a replacement if possible.
- Tour company cancellation: When COVID hit, Taylor Tours did a good job of processing refunds for canceled trips and will do so in the event of another COVID-type cancellation. Furthermore, parents can purchase trip insurance if desired by going [to this website](#).

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