

HOW TO PAY FOR DRUM CORPS

Forte 2010 Fundraising for Dues

Fundraising is the life-blood of any non-profit organization. In the specific case of Drum & Bugle Corps, there is no way that membership dues can cover the full cost of an individual's participation in the corps. Forte will have a number of programs and events to help keep the cost of dues low, we do understand that there is a great need for individual members to help off-set their cost to march.

This list will be updated as new programs and ideas are launched and shared. It's a good idea to contact veterans of any corps about how they raised money and work as hard as you can to finance your drum corps season. We wish you the best of luck, and if you need some assistance, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Staff or Management Team!

- Send sponsorship letters to friends, family, church, school, and local community. Sample Sponsorship Letters are available by request - director@fortecorps.org
- Contact your local grocery stores and gas stations about providing food and gas cards for the summer tour. Scripts are available by request - director@fortecorps.org Forte will credit your account for 100% of the value of cards and services provided
- Join FREECYCLE. Freecycle is a Yahoo Group designated for your specific area and allows its members to trade materials for free. If you get an item from the corps' budget to be spent, a credit will be applied to your account. (Food items are included, for specific details, contact director@fortecorps.org)
- Get some friends together and sponsor a Car-Wash for donations. Bring out your instruments and show people what you are fundraising for
- Join the 'How to Pay for Drum Corps' Facebook group - <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=505007865&ref=profile#/group.php?gid=70165697937&ref=ts>
- Write a letter to your State Representative, Congressman, Mayor, or other Political figures from your area. (The Sponsorship letter is an excellent place to start)
- Ask your insurance agent for a sponsorship. The insurance industry is so competitive that they are usually more than willing to do small sponsorships for their customers!
- Sell Candy – Costco/Sam's Club/online programs can get candy very cheaply
- Restaurant Coupons – Finding a local restaurant that you can help promote by selling coupons for a meal at their restaurant. Most restaurants will provide the tickets to you at a discount for the meal, and donate back any un-cashed-in coupons.

- Check with your Family's businesses about matching donations and donations for volunteerism. Many companies will donate dollars to non-profits that their employees donate their time to help
- Get a temporary Job. Many temp agencies are looking for data processing, typists, receptionists, etc. These one-two day jobs can provide \$8-15 an hour and can make a huge difference in your bottom line
- Neighborhood Chores - Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, Lawn cutting, Baby Sitting
- Organize a Girl/Boy Scout/Explorer event with a "Hands on Music" theme. Gear the different activities towards badge requirements for the different Scout levels. The event can be held multiple times for each of our surrounding service units. Similar badge earning events have charged \$5pp and made about \$300... in one evening.
- Host a Progressive Dinner in your neighborhood. A small ticket cost for the patrons, and a donation bucket at your house with drum corps playing. It's a great way to let your neighbors know what you are doing and how they can help!
- Bring your old cell phone, ink cartridges, Books, CDs, and DVDs to camp. We have buyers for these items and will provide you credit to your account for the money they provide in exchange for these items
- Pocket Change! Set up a canister for people to donate pocket change. Local businesses may join your cause, or your school, soccer team, or church, etc
- Online Surveys. There are many places online that will pay you for Mystery Shopping and Online Surveys. Never sign up for a 'job' that requires you to pay anything.
- Write your local newspaper. Especially smaller town papers are very interested in human interest stories that showcase youths making good. A small tagline about how to donate to help you achieve your dream can make a big difference. There are also a number of online papers and websites that may get you the exposure needed)
- Taste Tests. Many companies are looking for High School/College Age Students to taste their products. Many of these companies provide cash for your participation. Some excellent resources and places to start include:
 - Alpha Buzz <http://www.alphabuzzgroup.com/Links/Form.php>
 - Bryles Research 972-581-1050 <http://www.brylesresearch.com> travis.patten@brylesresearch.com
 - Clinical Connection <http://www.clinicalconnection.com/Join.aspx>
 - CraigsSurveys 479-785-5637 <http://www.craigssurveys.com> craig@ccmarketresearch.com
 - Dallas by Definition 972-869-2366 <http://www.dallasbydefinition.com> info@dallasbydefinition.com
 - Dallas Focus 972-869-2366 <http://www.thefocusnetwork.com/dallas/home.htm>
info@dallasfocus.net
 - Dallas Insights 972-293-4341 panel.dallasinsights@verizon.net
 - Delve Marketing 800-421-2167 <http://www.delve.com/focus-group-recruitment.asp>
helpinghand@delve.com

- Fieldwork Dallas 972-866-5800 <http://www.fieldwork.com/Facility/Home.aspx?FacilityID=26>
info@dallas.fieldwork.com
- Focus Pointe Global 972-386-5055
http://www.focuspointe.net/facilities/fac_HomePage.aspx?intFacilityID=10
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- Market Research Dallas 972-239-5382 <http://www.marketresearchdallas.com/participantform1.shtml>
mail@marketresearchdallas.com
- Matrix <http://www.matrix-r.com/becomeaparticipant.html>
- Mind Share Surveys <http://www.mindsharesurveys.com>
- Murray Hill 469-358-1200 http://www.murrayhillcenter.com/dal/dal_facility.php
pam@murrayhillcenter.com
- Mystery Guest 800-777-3882 <http://www.mysteryguestinc.com/MGI> support@mysteryguestinc.com
- Opinions Unlimited 214-265-1700 <http://www.opinions-unlimited.com>
- Peryam & Kroll 800-642-3144 <http://www.pktesting.com> info@pk-research.com
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- Q&M Research 972-793-1700 <http://www.qandm.com/agreement.php>
- Radiant Research 425-468-6200 <http://www.radiantresearch.com/profile.asp?profileid=26>
info@radiantresearch.com
- RCTS 972-871-7578 <http://rctslabs.com> info@rctslabs.com
- Savitz Research 972-386-4050 <http://www.savitzresearch.com/index.php?x=joinourdb>
auy@savitzresearch.com
- Schlessinger Associates 972-503-3102
http://www.schlessingerassociates.com/locations/dallas_home.html
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- Survey Monster <http://www.surveymonster.net/surveymonster.jsp?>
- Usability Sciences 800-820-1222 <http://www.usabilitysciences.com/contact-us/recruiting>
info@usabilitysciences.com
- Yahoo User Research http://promo.yahoo.com/user_research

Check back often as more ideas are posted! If you have a successful method, please share! Feel free to share or link this file!

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