

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION
CONVENTION PARADE, MONDAY
APRIL 30, 1956

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Florida

Date April 11, 1956

To: Ted M. Kerr, Parade Chairman, Delta Tau Delta, Lexington, Virginia.

Please enter The Halifax County High School's Comet Marching Band
(organization)

South Boston
Halifax County, Virginia
(Street) (City) (State)

in the Washington and Lee Mock Democratic National Convention Parade Monday,
April 30th, 2:00.

Type of Unit: Marching Band

Number of Participants: 110 65 Men 45 Women

Number of Pieces in Band: 110

Uniforms: Type Military Color Blue & White

Unit Commander: Archie H. Brown, Band Instructor

Head Drum Major or Majorette: Master Sergeant Robert Soper

Name of Hometown Newspaper: Halifax Gazette, South Boston News, South Boston
Record Advertiser

Type of Transportation: Bus Grayhound Car _____ Both _____

We will Arrive in Uniform: Yes We will Need a Dressing Room No

Preliminary Parade Regulations:

1. Positively no maneuvering in the line of march which will result in slowing the parade, such as counter marches, momentary halts, etc.
2. Proscribed unit distance must be maintained.
3. Bands will play when passing the reveiwing stand.
4. Parade marshals will be cooperated with in any and all decisions they may make along the parade route.
5. It is understood by the applicant that any infraction upon the above rules will disqualify him from award competition.

On back of this form is a record of the organization's history & honors won.

Signed by *Archie H. Brown*

Position Band Instructor

Please return the white form and retain the colored form for your reference.

THE
HALIFAX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL'S

"BAND OF TOBACCO LAND"

The Halifax County High School's marching band was organized in September of 1953 as the first band program ever to exist in Halifax County. It operates under the name of the H.C.H.S. Comet Marching Band with the nickname "The Band of Tobacco Land."

Conducted by Mr. Archie H. Brown, the H. C.H.S. Comet Band is composed of 110 marching cadets, 8 flashing majorettes, and 4 high-stepping letter girls, bearing the letters H. C.H.S.

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yes,
really!*

Operating under a strict military system, this band's discipline and efficiency is amazing for its size. The band officers are Captain Hugh St. John, First Lieutenant Zac Walker, Second Lieutenant Horace Heath, and Second Lieutenant L.M. Glass Jr. The drum major is Master Sergeant Bob Soper; the head majorette First Sergeant Janice Cole; and the head letter girl, First Sergeant Eunice Adams.

A few of the trips and activities in which the H.C.H.S. Comet Marching Band has participated in during its first three years are trips to Reedsville, North Carolina, and to South Hill, Virginia to participate in the Harvest Festival Parades; to Hampden Sydney for the Hampden Sydney-Washington and Lee home-coming game to play and present a field show; to Chase City, Virginia to participate in the American Legion's Memorial Day Parade; and to Danville, Virginia to participate in the 1955 Shrine Football Game, parade and half-time show. During its first year of operation, the Comet Band played for Flag Day Festivities at the National Elks Home at Bedford, Virginia. The H.C.H.S. Band has also sponsored the Pied-mot Band Clinic (massed band of 500 students from ten Southern Virginia Schools for the past two years. Each year the band plays a Winter and Spring concert for audiences ranging from 600 to 1000 persons.

This year the H.C.H.S. Comet Band received a first rating (I) Superior, at the District VI Band Festival at Martinsville, Virginia.

The Band Boosters Club of Halifax County through an all-out county wide drive last year, secured funds to the total of \$7000. and purchased 117 new military band uniforms from the Gedge Evans Uniform Co.

The band will travel to Washington and Lee University by Grayhound bus, sponsored by the Florida Delegation at the Mock Convention.

It is indeed the hope of the Halifax County High School's Comet Marching Band that it may enhance the festivities of the day at your Washington and Lee Mock Democratic Convention.