

West Virginia Marching Band Invitational Governor's Cup Marching Band Series 2024

Presented by the
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Dear Band Director,

Hello, my name is Randall Reid-Smith, and I am contacting you on behalf of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH). Along with hosting the thirteenth annual West Virginia State Marching Band Invitational (WVMBI) this season, WVDACH is sponsoring the Governor's Cup Marching Band Series again. This series will help promote the department's educational Save The Music Foundation program, which provides free musical instruments to middle schools throughout our state. The series will also allow us to award prize money to high school bands.

This marching band season, we will again work with local band competitions to promote a Governor's Cup Series. The series will continue to make use of a comprehensive collective adjudication sheet and rubric promoting all aspects of the marching arts. The WVDACH will present \$1500.00 in cash prizes to the top West Virginia bands at a series of local marching band competitions throughout the state. Participating local competitions are:

- September 14, 2024 – Tyler Consolidated High School - "Oil and Gas Festival"
- September 21, 2024 - (Morning) Hurricane High School - "Whirlwind of Music"
- September 21, 2024 - (Afternoon) Cabell Midland High School - "Knight at the Roundtable"
- September 28, 2024 - (Morning) Ravenswood High School - The Jim Porter Legacy Marching Competition
- September 28, 2024 - (Afternoon) Parkersburg High School - "PHS Jim Kessell Marching Band Festival"
- October 5, 2024 - (Morning) Bluefield High School High School - "Beaver Classic"
- October 5, 2024 - (Afternoon) Princeton High School - "Southern Thunder"
- October 12, 2024 - (Morning) Greenbrier East High School - "Spartan Classic"
- October 12, 2024 - (Afternoon) Woodrow Wilson High School -
- October 19, 2024 - Philip Barbour High School - "Horseshoe Classic"
- October 26, 2024 - The West Virginia Marching Band Invitational - Drums at the Capitol - Governor's Cup Series Finals - Charleston, WV - Laidley Field

We will provide \$1500.00 per contest to award to the top West Virginia bands at each contest, and bands will collect points toward winning the Governor's Cup.

- \$400.00 – Grand Champion – 5 points toward overall Governor's Cup standings
- \$300.00 – 1st Runner-Up – 4 points toward overall Governor's Cup standings
- \$200.00 – 2nd Runner-Up – 3 points toward overall Governor's Cup standings
- 3rd Runner-Up – 2 points toward overall Governor's Cup standings
- 4th Runner-Up – 1 point toward overall Governor's Cup standings

- \$150.00 – Each class champion – A, B, C, D classes – 1 point towards overall Governor’s Cup Standing

Band Class sizes are as follows:

- Class D - 1-25 playing members
- Class C - 26-45 playing members
- Class B - 46-70 playing members
- Class A - 71 and above playing members
- Bands will need to compete in at least **four** local competitions, plus the **West Virginia Marching Band Invitational Championships, and Governor’s Cup Series finals on October 26st at The West Virginia Marching Band Invitational in Charleston, WV at Laidley Field.** If a band competes in more than four local contests, their best four scores will be used for final calculations plus their score at the WVMBI.

Governor’s Cup finals award money:

- \$5000.00 – Governor’s Cup Grand Champion
- \$3000.00 – Governor’s Cup 1st Runner-Up
- \$1500.00 – Governor’s Cup 2nd Runner-Up
- \$1000.00 – Governor’s Cup 3rd Runner-Up
- \$ 500.00 – Governor’s Cup 4th Runner-Up

All West Virginia high school marching bands are invited to apply to participate in the Governor’s Cup Series competitions, as well as the West Virginia State High School Marching Band Invitational, and the “Drums at the Capitol” State Drumline Battle

WVDACH is very excited about WVMBI State Competition and the Governor’s Cup Series. Our hope is to assist in awarding funds to help with success in promoting marching bands in West Virginia.

We hope you will consider the opportunity to participate in these wonderful events. If you have any questions or comments regarding the WVMBI or Governor’s Cup Series, please do not hesitate to contact me at (304)558-0220.

Thank you,

Randall Reid-Smith
Cabinet Secretary