



96th Highlanders – 2023/24 Fees Breakdown

Annual Membership Fee to the Organization

Membership fees are \$25 per year. Only one membership is required per family. The membership fee is due at the beginning of the year and can be paid by cheque, cash or e-transfer.

Annual Instructional Fees for 96th Participants

The Instructional Fee for 2023-2024 is \$900 for all returning students and \$675 for beginner students. This works out to approximately \$25 per lesson for returning students and \$19 per lesson for new students.

Students joining after the beginning of the year will pay prorated fees.

Payment Options

1. Lump sum payment of \$900 for the year (or \$675 for new students), due Sept 11th, 2023
2. Quarterly payments of \$225 (or \$168.75 for new students), each due Sept 11th 2023, Dec 1st 2023, Feb 1st 2024, and April 1st 2024
3. Monthly payments - First Payment of \$100 (or \$75 for new students), is due Sept 11th, 2023 – the remainder may be submitted monthly by e-transfer or in the form of postdated cheques dated the first of each month, from Oct 2023 to May 2024.

Methods of Payment

Payment of fees may be made one of three ways:

1. Post-dated cheques: Please date the first cheque Sept 11th, 2023 and following that, the first of each month that payment is due. Cheques may be made out to “96th Highlanders” and brought to this year’s Band Registration Night at 7:00pm on Sept 11th, 2023 at Knox United Church (838 Spadina Crescent East).
2. E-transfer: Payment of the Annual membership fee and Instructional fees may be made via e-transfer. Please make e-transfer payments to 96thtreasurer@gmail.com
3. Fundraising Credits: To use this payment method, please complete the ‘[Request for Use of Fundraising Credits Form](#)’ on or before Sept 11th, 2023.

***Please note:** You must have already earned enough credits in your family’s account in order to be eligible to use this payment method.

Fundraising Cheques:

In the past, the 96th Highlanders have required post-dated fundraising cheques from each family at the beginning of the year. These cheques were implemented because some families were not participating in the mandatory fundraisers that raised money for band travel. They are only cashed if the student/family fails to fulfill their volunteer requirement at each of the band fundraising events.

Covid-19 greatly disrupted our fundraising activities, and we are in the process of reinstating some or all of them. As the details of these events are solidified, they will be communicated at the parent meetings. Please be prepared to take part in our fundraising events and know that we may require deposits from each family to ensure that everyone volunteers for these projects. Once again, these cheques will only be cashed if there is a failure to participate.

Performance Trip 2024

In the summer of 2023, the band traveled to the Fergus Scottish Festival to compete in the Pipes and Drums portion of events. This trip included a workshop with members of the Guelph Pipe Band, a Blue Jays game and a visit to the Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto.

A trip is in the budget for the spring/summer of 2024 and will depend on the number of competition members available to attend. Details of this trip will become available at the parent meetings in the fall of 2023.