

YOUTH GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Band/Choir  
Trip

Date: February 18, 2026

**Project Name:** Bussing for Aitkin Band/Choir Disney Trip

**Name of Organization/Group:** Aitkin Band/Choir

**Name of youth applying for grant:** Tucker Priem **Age/Grade:** 11th Grade

**Adult overseeing project:** Taylor Meeks

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**DESCRIBE YOUR PROJECT:**

In June of 2026, the students and teachers of Aitkin High School Concert Band and Choir are Traveling to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. The \$1000 from this grant would help cover the cost of bussing to and from MSP Airport. The total cost for bussing is \$3,176.80, and amongst the 42 people attending, that would be about \$76 per person. Receiving this grant for \$1,000 would help us reduce the cost of that bussing to only \$51 per student. It is our goal to help make the trip more affordable to each student in any way that we can. Students have been working hard all year with many fundraisers to try and offset the cost of their Disney trip. Receiving this grant would mean that it would help ease the financial burden on students and families.

## **PROJECT FOCUS ISSUES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES**

**PROJECT NAME:** Aitkin Music Disney Trip

**Focus issue(s) addressed by project:**

The goal of sending our band and choir students to Disney is to give them a real-world performance experience that builds on what they learn in class. Students will have the chance to perform in a professional setting, work together as a group, and grow in confidence. It also allows students whose families may not be able to afford something like this, the opportunity to go on a trip of this caliber. For many of us, it is a rare experience to travel and experience something outside of our community.

**Goal(s) of project:**

Our goal is to significantly reduce the cost of the trip to Disney. A small part of this includes the bussing from Aitkin, to the MSP Airport. Any chance we have to help reduce the burden on families helps.

**Activities to fulfill the goals:** (be specific, you should include the number of youth to be served and the number of hours of contact time.)

The music program has held many fundraisers that each student participates in and earns money for their trip. We have sold: Butter Braids in the Spring of 2025, Fruit in the fall of 2025, Heggies Pizza's in the winter of 2025, and we just finished our second

Butter Braids sale. Additionally, we will host a benefit dinner, and the proceeds from that gets distributed to all of the student accounts.

**What is the timeline for this project?** (Be sure to include beginning and ending dates)

Describe how this project will be evaluated. How will you determine if this project is successful?

Planning started in fall 2024 and fundraising for this trip began in the spring of 2025. Our last fundraising event will be the benefit dinner, and that will be at the end of April this year. We will determine if the project is successful by the amount of money that was fundraised throughout the two years.

**Background of the applicant and ability to carry out project:**

I am a junior, and the co-treasurer/secretary of the Aitkin High School Concert Band.

