



CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Margate City Commission has established the Margate Student Involvement Program to support Margate students/residents for community, career development, and other projects, programs, or experiences. Eligible students must submit a complete application to be considered for an award of up to \$250. Applications will be reviewed and voted on by the City Commission at a regularly scheduled City Commission meeting.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicant must be a current Margate resident AND a current student

Funding Consideration Criteria (including but not limited to): (1) Community service within Margate; (2) Community service outside of Margate; (3) Personal Essay (no more than 600 words); (4) Financial need; (5) Weighted GPA

If any information requested or suggested on this application is exempt from public record in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 119, please provide an explanation and attach to this application.

BASIC INFORMATION			
Name: Robert Flory Jr.			
Current Address: [REDACTED]			
City: Margate	State: FL	ZIP Code: 33063	
Email Address: [REDACTED]	Phone: [REDACTED]		
Current School: Stoneman Douglas	Weighted GPA: 3.1724		
School Contact Name:		School Contact Phone:	
Explain requested assistance (attach supporting documents):			
Name/Contact Information of Recipient (Organization):			
PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) INFORMATION			
Name(s): Robert and Christen Flory			
Current Address: [REDACTED]			
City: Margate	State: FL	ZIP Code: 33063	
Daytime Phone: [REDACTED]	Evening Phone: [REDACTED]		
FINANCIAL NEED			
Briefly describe your financial need (attach additional pages as needed):			
Please See attached			
COMMUNITY SERVICE, HOBBIES, & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES			
List your community service, hobbies, and extracurricular activities (attach additional pages as needed):			
I teach a middle school drumline once a week and receive community service hours. I volunteer at Margate Elementary School doing clean up before school starts, at family nights and during my half days I volunteer in the lunchroom.			



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ESSAY	
Attach a short essay (no more than 600 words; typed is preferred) describing your involvement in the community. <i>Please See attached</i>	
ADDITIONAL CONTACT NAME(S) AND PHONE NUMBERS(S)	
List contact name and phone number for any school, organization, or personal reference mentioned in the essay:	
<i>Alex Kaministy</i>	<i>Band director Stoneman Douglas</i>
<i>Eric Levy</i>	<i>- Director Reef Independent</i>

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all of the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the City of Margate's Student Involvement program. I also understand that this application and its contents are considered public record in accordance with Florida Statutes Chapter 119.

Signature of Application: *Robert K. Roy Jr.* Date: *10/12/15*

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: *Clinton M. Ellis* Date: *10/12/15*

DELIVER COMPLETED APPLICATION AND REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS IN-PERSON TO:

City Clerk's Office
City of Margate
5790 Margate Blvd.
Margate, FL 33063

PLEASE BRING WITH YOU FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY: Report Card/Annual Educational Evaluation, Proof of Residency, and Student Identification Card. If Applicant is homeschooled, please provide letter of intent.

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Applicant's Report Card/Annual Educational Evaluation:		Verified (circle):	<u>Yes</u> No
Proof of Residency:		Verified (circle):	<u>Yes</u> No
Proof of Residency document used for verification:		<i>Driver License</i>	
Student Identification Card:		Verified (circle):	<u>Yes</u> No
Application Awarded (circle): Yes No		Amount Awarded:	

My name is Robbie Flory. I am going into my junior year at Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school. I am a member of my schools marching band Eagle Regiment, and play the tenors. We have won countless awards at competitions all over the state of Florida. We ended last year finishing second in the state. I also march indoor percussion. My first year was with REEF Independent (an independent organization) where we finished 11th at grand championships. Last year my school started an indoor percussion group where we were grand champions at SFWGA (South Florida Winter Guard Association) and were rated 5th in the nation. A few months ago I auditioned for Macy's Great American Marching Band. I was selected to be one of two hundred and fifty band members from across the country to perform in the Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City.

This opportunity comes with great expense, the trip is costing my family \$1,540.00 plus the air fare back and forth to New York. This also means that we will be separated for Thanksgiving. My parents are my biggest supporters. They both work full time jobs, my dad is an auto technician at Auto Nation in Margate and my mom works at Margate Elementary. In additions they operator a bounce house business, so they are working all the time. I am not able to work a part time job because of my band schedules and helping out with the family business. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for me.

Thank you,

Robbie Flory

All my hard work and practice is rewarded when my band and I perform. Every year my high school band marches in a Holiday parade. It brings me great joy to watch as people line the street and dance as we march by. People of all ages clapping and smiling, enjoying the music our band is performing; this is my greatest pleasure and reward. At the end of the parade, we walk back to the "staging area" and people stop me to tell me how great we sounded, how our music brought back wonderful memories and feelings of patriotism. In 2014, my high school marching band director passed away suddenly. All my energy and time went into keeping his memory alive and accomplishing the great music we performed together. People thanked me for keeping his spirit, keeping his tradition and dedication going. Music touches people in many ways. I'm happiest knowing that people are happy when they hear me play and that my efforts and hard work have touched and helped so many others to feel the same way.

During our summer vacation, my band had the month of July off. To keep our drumline in top shape, I personally organized practice sessions at my house with all 10 drummers. We set up a tent, served refreshments and snacks and practiced. Neighbors stopped by. Drivers and strangers stopped to hear the music. One gentleman got out of his car holding drumsticks and asked if he could join in. It was the best of what music is; bringing people together with a personal touch. It was all about the love of music and the joy of entertaining!

Beyond my own musical growth and sharing with my band members, I discovered the joy and fulfillment that comes with teaching. Getting involved in teaching and organizing elementary school drumlines has been my greatest accomplishment. Sharing skills, excitement and music with younger students, seeing the excitement in their faces as they learned and performed, has been one of my proudest accomplishments.

Teaching an elementary school drumline last year I discovered how rewarding it was to share my knowledge and excitement with younger musicians. I will always remember the smiles of accomplishment and pride on their faces as they performed what they had learned. Everyone was smiling from ear to ear including me, knowing what we had accomplished to get to this point and how much we could improve with practice. After our final performance many of the parents came up to thank me. My accomplishment and sharing was my own best reward.

My musical journey has taught me the greatest lesson of all; one that great talents and Americans like Bob Hope always knew. It is not so much what you know and can do, but how well you share it with others to enrich their lives.

Robert Flory Jr.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School