



It's a fact - the arts are fundamental to education. Study of the arts contributes to student achievement in school and in life, teaches skills from time management to teamwork, and provides a valuable outlet for creative expression. Mountain Lakes High School students enthusiastically participate in chorus, band, theatre, and the fine arts. Friends of the Arts (FOTA) was established in 2002 to support and promote these very activities. FOTA sponsors such annual events as the talent show, coffee houses, tech week dinners for the cast and crew of the fall drama and spring musical, appreciation dinners for choral and band students, and the AP art show reception. FOTA also funds teacher grants for specific projects and equipment, and awards scholarships to graduating seniors who demonstrate leadership

and excellence in the arts. In addition, FOTA's contributions to MLHS during the 2014-15 school year included four new Yamaha DXR speakers (which benefit the arts as well as the entire school whenever events require a sound system), polo shirts for the band's performance at Disney World, and materials to frame student artwork.

For the 2015-2016 school year, FOTA aims to raise \$10,000 to fund some of the items on the school's arts "wish list". These items will help our arts department to continue delivering meaningful performing and fine arts experiences for our students. They include:

- Source Four lighting units for the MLHS stage
- Robes or cowls for MLHS choir members
- Visiting artists and clinicians
- Portable sink for the art room
- Rehearsal recording & playback system
- Printmaking press

In order to continue our mission to assist our students in their endeavors, your financial support is needed. We invite you to support all of the visual and performing arts programs at MLHS by becoming a member for the 2015-2016 school year.

Join FOTA in supporting & celebrating the arts for the 2015-2016 school year!

I ♥ the arts, too! Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond Membership.....\$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> General Membership.....\$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Star Membership.....\$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Membership.....\$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Arts Fan Membership.....\$50 | |

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

- I would like to volunteer at events. (Opportunities throughout the school year include helping with concessions at shows and assisting with student appreciation dinners.)
- I am interested in participating more actively as a FOTA board member. Please contact me.

Please return this form with your check payable to MLHS/ FOTA to:
 FOTA c/o Adrienne Burg-Charwat, 38 Wilcox Drive, Mountain Lakes NJ 07046
 (Questions? Email Adrienne at charburg@yahoo.com)

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 For more information visit us online at www.mlschools.org/fota

