

COMMODORE BOOSTER CLUB GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the Club is to support, encourage and advance athletics within the program provided for Vergennes Union High School, District #5. It is further the purpose of this organization to augment the athletic programs provided by the expenditure budget adopted by the voters of said district and those club programs that have been approved by the School Board.

The process for requesting funds from the Boosters is spelled out in the Bylaws. The Booster Request Form is required.

Approval of spending occurs at a regularly scheduled Boosters meeting. Interim email requests are discouraged and will only be considered on an *emergency* basis, and ALL members of the Finance Committee must vote to approve emergency requests.

Boosters may consider loan requests from the administration for unusual/unplanned expenditures. Loan repayment terms may not exceed 1 year.

There is a limit of \$500/school year for requests for each school-board approved club sport.

Boosters may fund up to \$250 per varsity sports team toward personal team attire items upon request. *

Boosters does not fund physical plant improvements and maintenance that are not related to athletic programs.

Boosters does not fund Team Camps, but may offer individual scholarships for attendance at SCHOOL TEAM sponsored camps and events, on a case by case basis subject to demonstrated financial need.

Boosters may support VUHS athletes that have been selected to All State, North-South, or equivalent teams, by advertising in the game's publication.

Boosters funds two \$500 annual scholarships through the Guidance office. These are awarded by the VUHS scholarship committee to a college bound male and female member of the graduating class, who, through volunteer involvement (playing and/or managing) in athletic activities, gained a more fulfilling high school experience.

Boosters awards two annual Sam Allo Spirit Awards. These are given to one male and one female graduating student associated with athletics who exemplify the Commodore Spirit. Nominations for consideration are accepted from the VUHS varsity coaches. Goal has been to award those students who are dedicated and do not generally receive the ongoing accolades. Award is a \$150 gift certificate. Sam Allo Spirit Award winners may also be awarded the \$500 scholarship.

**Championship Requests: Boosters recognize that such requests, although unusual, are not unexpected in a school striving for excellence in its athletic programs. Financial consideration for such requests must always take into account the Club's purpose, available funds, commitments and projected funding. With these and the above principles considered, Boosters may fund up to \$35 per athlete on the roster for Championship teams. Boosters' acknowledges there may be players who have a financial hardship, and will offer assistance accordingly. The \$35 will be adjusted for inflation periodically.*