

2020 University of Colorado Middle School Honor Band

The University of Colorado Middle School Honor Band is an opportunity for talented young musicians from across the state to join together in the performance of quality concert band literature. Both the rehearsals and performance will take place at the University of Colorado. Check-in will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28 with rehearsals and the CU Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Concert that evening. The honor band will rehearse from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2020 and perform a concert in Macky Auditorium that evening. Exact times will be provided upon acceptance.

We are excited to continue with our online audition process! Students submit their audition(s) for the 2020 Honor Band by completing our online registration form, and submitting a \$25.00 audition fee to their director by November 13, 2019. Directors will be invoiced for their students' audition fees when registration closes. As part of the registration form, students will upload their audio or video recording. No CD submissions will be accepted.

Students have the option of submitting either an audio file or a video file for their audition recording. If submitting a video, students can receive feedback based on visual aspects of their performance. This will have **no** impact on a student's score, and would be for instructional purposes only. For best results, use the best camera available (avoid "selfie mode").

Notifications of acceptance and music will be sent to directors by mid-January 2020. If selected for the Honor Band, students will be expected to attend **all** scheduled rehearsals and activities on February 28 - February 29, 2020, including attending the Friday evening Wind Symphony-Symphonic Band Concert. Parents are responsible for transportation, lodging, and supervision at all other times during the Honor Band weekend.

On the following page, you will find a step-by-step process for submitting your audition.

Middle School Honor Band Audition Process

STEP 1: Prepare to record your audition

1. Prepare the requirements for your instrument. Practice stating your name, grade, school and instrument, and performing the scales and etudes in the order you will record them.
2. No metronome is allowed for audition recordings.
3. Gather the materials you need to record your audition. For best results, make recordings using a high-quality microphone.

STEP 2: Record your audition

1. Record **one** student per file, and just **one** file per student.
2. Do not alter the audition recording in any way.
3. Confirm that your file has finalized **and is playable**. Unplayable audition submissions will not be eligible for scoring.
4. Save your file name as "LAST NAME_FIRST NAME.mp3" (ex. mckinney_donald.mp3).

STEP 3: Submit your audition

1. **All** students must submit the online registration form. *Note*: There is a separate form for each instrument.

Flutes and Piccolos

Oboes

Bassoons

Clarinets

Saxophones

Trumpets

French Horns

Trombones

Euphoniums and Tubas

Percussion

2. If students are auditioning on more than one instrument, please submit the form for each separate instrument audition.

STEP 4: Submit your audition fee

1. The audition fee is \$25.00 per audition submission (for example, a student auditioning on two instruments would pay \$50.00 total).
2. Once registration has closed, we will invoice band directors for the total number of student auditions. **Directors**: please remit payment for all students via check(s), **made out to: University of Colorado**. You may submit one total check for all of your students, or multiple personal checks (e.g. one for each student) if that is easier, as long as they are all sent in one envelope. *Unpaid auditions and auditions with the incorrect payee will not be scored.*

Mail payment to:

University of Colorado

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For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.colorado.edu/music/ensembles/bands/middle-school-honor-band-festival>