

CU Middle School Honor Band

Recording and Application Guidelines for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

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Recording Guidelines: Audition recordings for the 2026-27 academic year must be submitted as a shared link from the applicant's Google Drive or as an unlisted YouTube link. Students will be prompted to provide the link to their recording on the honor band application form.

1. Record your audition as a **video** file. We will only accept one file per student.
2. You may record your audition in 3 separate videos (1 video that includes all the scales and 1 video for each excerpt), but **the scales and excerpts themselves should not be edited**. Please splice your scale video and excerpt videos into one file. Any edits to the individual components of the audition (including added reverb, metronomes, pitch correction, etc) will result in disqualification.
3. Double check that all scales and excerpts are included in your final video submission. **Missing scales or excerpts will result in a lower score.**
4. Please title your video file with your Lastname_Firstname_Instrument.
5. Make sure that you and your instrument are visible in the video frame at all times.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Applications are due by **Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026 at 11:59 pm.**
2. Submit your recording and application through the instrument-specific links on our website.
3. If you are sharing your video recording as a Google Drive link, please make sure the **sharing settings are set to "Anyone with the link"** (Once you have uploaded your recording to your Google Drive, click on the file and select "share." Under "general access," click the drop-down arrow and select "Anyone with the Link."). If you do not select this setting, our judges will be unable to access your recording, and your audition will not be scored.
4. If you are sharing your video recording as a YouTube link, make sure that your video is **set to unlisted and NOT private**. If the video is set to private, our judges will be unable to access your recording, and your audition will not be scored.

*We highly recommend sending your recording link to a friend or family member before submitting your application. This is a great way to test that your link is accessible, and that all parts of your audition are included in the video. **If we can't access your video, your audition will not be scored!**

Students who are selected for the honor band will be notified via email by Friday, December 4, 2026. Rosters will be posted to our website shortly thereafter.