

# 2020 University of Colorado High School Honor Band

The University of Colorado High 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 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 28 with masterclasses, 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.

Auditions are open to **all** students grades 9-12. Students have a choice when completing their audition: They can either submit an audio recording via our online registration, OR they can complete a live audition at one of our regional audition sites. ALL STUDENTS must complete the steps below to be considered for CU High School Honor Band. We are unable to accept auditions by email attachment or physical mail.

## Regional Live Auditions:

*Sign up for your audition time via the online form, which will CLOSE three days before audition day.*

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR AUDITION
12/2/19	3:30PM – 6:30PM	Cheyenne Mountain High School	11/29/19 11:00PM
12/4/19	4:00PM – 7:00PM	University of Colorado Boulder	12/1/19 11:00PM
12/5/19	4:00PM – 6:30PM	Cherry Creek High School	12/2/19 11:00PM

Please note that we are using the Colorado All-State music as audition music, and chair placement within the ensemble will be based on the initial audition.

ALL audition submissions must be submitted no later than 4:00pm on December 5, 2019. Directors will receive a list of students selected for CU Honor Band and all students will be notified by December 13, 2019. Music for the festival will be emailed to the selected students by the end of January. 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.

## Fees:

There is **no fee to audition**; the cost to participate in the festival if selected is \$35.00 per student.

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

# High School Honor Band Audition Process

## STEP 1: Prepare to record or perform 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/perform them.
2. No metronome is allowed for auditions.
3. If you are submitting your audition recording, gather the materials you need to record your audition. For best results, make recordings using a high-quality microphone.

## **If submitting your audio file for your audition:**

### STEP 2: Record your audition

1. Record **one** student per file.
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 the online registration form

1. **All** students must submit their respective online registration form, regardless of audition method (audio file upload or live audition).  
[Link to Submit Your Audition Recording Online](#)
2. Students will have the opportunity to submit their audio file via this form.
3. If students are auditioning on more than one instrument, please submit the form for each separate instrument audition.
4. Online recorded audition submissions must be **UPLOADED NO LATER THAN December 5, 2019 at 4:00pm**.

## **If auditioning at one of our regional live audition sites:**

### STEP 2: Submit the online registration form

1. **All** students must submit their respective online registration form, regardless of audition method (audio file upload or live audition).  
[Link to Sign Up for Your Regional Live Audition](#)
2. Students will have the opportunity to select their live audition time via this form.
3. If students are auditioning on more than one instrument, please submit the form for each separate instrument audition.
4. Online registrations **MUST** be completed *three days before your live audition*. Walk-ins will **not** be accommodated on audition day.

Your audition is now scheduled! There is **no need** to contact the director at the audition site like you may have done in previous years.

### STEP 3: Perform your live audition

1. Arrive early to your audition site. Give yourself plenty of time to find the correct room(s), warm up, and not feel rushed.

For more information, please visit our website:

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