

Colorado State University

HONOR BAND FESTIVAL

December 5-7, 2024

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Deadline: Arrived by Friday, October 11, 2024

The bands will consist of students in grades 10-12. Applicants will upload an audio recording (MP3 format only) as an attachment within the online Google form application, or your band director may submit your recording on your behalf via email or Dropbox. A \$15.00 non-refundable, audition fee (payable by cash or check made out to CSU), **postmarked by October 11, 2024** must also be mailed to the address listed below in order for your audition to be considered. Please be sure to identify who the payment is for when mailing it in! We are unable to accept payment via card at this time.

What to play for your audition:

1. Prepared Excerpts

Students will prepare the audition material provided on our website (<http://music.colostate.edu/bands/honor-band/>) labeled "Honor Band Audition Excerpts." You must only prepare the portion of the excerpts indicated with the CSU/NoCo label. These excerpts are a portion of the Colorado All-State Band audition material.

2. Scales (as specified in the All-State audition materials for each instrument)

- A. One major scale, articulation as indicated
- B. One harmonic minor scale, articulation as indicated
- C. Full-range chromatic scale: in eighth notes, at quarter note=104, articulated both up and down

Making and Submitting your Recording

1. Students should state their first and last names at the beginning of the recording.
2. You do NOT have to record the scales and etudes in one take. You may record each individual component of the audition separately, but they must be joined together into one .mp3 recording to be submitted online via the Google form (or through your band director using a different file sharing system)
3. If you are attaching an electronic audio recording (MP3 only) to your online application, you will do so at the bottom of the application where it says, "Upload your audition here!" Label your recording the following way "**Last Name_First Name_Instrument_HS**". Please make sure these audio files play before you send them. We are unable to accommodate any recordings that do not play for our adjudicators.
4. Your band director may plan to create a Dropbox folder for all their students' audition materials, or they may submit the auditions as one large group on the students' behalf. Directors, you may email any compiled electronic auditions to Ethan Urtz at ethan.urtz@colostate.edu. Ideally, we would like to move towards each student submitting their own recording via the online application form.

5. We are unable to accept auditions by email attachment *from individual students*. Band directors may submit auditions as an email attachment, as necessary for submitting a group of auditions.

Application Form and Fees

The application form will be available on our website, www.music.colostate.edu/bands/honor-band, beginning in September.

Please fill out the form completely and click the “Submit” button at the bottom of the form. If you are auditioning on two different instruments, you will need to submit two different application forms. Please note there is a location to attach your audio audition to the online application. We do require the support of your high school band director for your participation in the CSU Honor Band, and we will contact your band director via email to confirm their support for your application.

Each audition must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$15 audition fee. You may mail a check made out to “CSU” or cash to the address listed at the bottom of the page. Please be sure you clearly identify for whom the application fee was submitted.

Results of the auditions will post to our website, www.music.colostate.edu/bands/honor-band by Wednesday, October 23, 2024. We will also send out formal emails to each student who auditioned and their directors notifying them of their admittance into the CSU Honor Band.

There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$45.00 per student, payable upon acceptance into the band. This payment is made at the time of registration on December 5, 2024. **All performers are required to attend and be on time for all rehearsals and concerts, including the CSU concerts on Thursday and Friday evening (Dec. 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m.).** Colorado State University does not provide chaperones or housing, so parents and directors should plan accordingly. On Thursday, December 5, registration begins at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m., participants will attend sectionals led by CSU faculty, followed by a welcoming pizza dinner and a concert by the CSU Symphonic Band. Full Honor Band rehearsals begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning. The concert will be on Saturday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the University Center for the Arts Griffin Concert Hall. Concert dress requirements for each student will be dark suits, black dress, or black pantsuit (black top/black bottom).

Secondary Instrument:

Students who are proficient on more than one instrument within the same family (flute/piccolo, oboe/English horn, Bb clarinet/bass clarinet, all saxophones, etc.) are encouraged to audition on each instrument, using a separate audition for each. If the instruments are in the same family, only one audition fee is required. If the instruments are not in the same family, two separate audition fees are required. Please indicate on your registration form which instrument you prefer to play in case you are accepted on both.

**Where to Send your Audition Fee
(postmarked by Friday, October 11, 2024)**

CSU Honor Band
Attn: Ethan Urtz
1778 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1778

Please feel free to call or email should you have any questions.

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