

Colorado State University

HONOR BAND FESTIVAL

December 10-12, 2026

Eligibility & Deadline

- **Eligibility:** Open to students in **grades 10-12** (no exceptions).
- **Deadline:** All materials (completed application form, audition video link, and \$16.00 fee) are due by **Friday, October 9, 2026**.

Preparing Your Audition Video

- **Format:** Auditions must be **video recordings** (audio-only files are not accepted). Aligning with All-State standards simplifies the process for students and allows adjudicators a complete view of the performance.
- **YouTube Settings:** Auditions must be uploaded to YouTube as **Unlisted** (do not set the video to *Private*, as adjudicators will not be able to view it). Unlisted videos cannot be found via search engines and are only accessible to those with the direct link.
- **Submitting Links:** Copy and paste your YouTube link into the designated field on the application form. Band directors submitting links for multiple students may paste all links into the box, separated by a comma and a space (e.g., *link1, link2*).

Submit your application here: [CSU Honor Band Application & Audition Portal](#)

What to play for your audition

1. **Prepared Excerpts**
 - a. 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
3. **Auxiliary Instruments:** If you are auditioning on two different instruments, you only need to submit one application form. *Note: We will contact your high school band director via email to confirm their support for your participation.*

Recording & YouTube Guidelines

- **Video Only:** Auditions must be video recordings (audio-only files are not accepted). Seeing performances aligns with All-State standards and gives adjudicators a complete view.
- **Recording Format:** You may record scales and etudes in separate takes, but they must be merged into a single video file for submission.
- **Video Title Format:** Title your video as: First Name Last Name - Instrument - High School.
- **YouTube Privacy:** Set your video visibility to Unlisted (do not set it to *Private*, or adjudicators will be unable to view it). Unlisted videos can only be accessed by those with the direct link.

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How to Submit Your Application & Payment

All applications, audition videos, and payments must be submitted online.

[CSU Honor Band Application & Audition Portal](#)

1. Fill out the online application form. Copy and paste your **Unlisted YouTube link** into the designated field.
 - a. **Director Bulk Submissions:** Band directors submitting applications/links on behalf of multiple students should enter all YouTube URLs into the application text box, separated by a comma and a space (e.g., *link1, link2*).
2. Click **Add to Cart** at the bottom of the form, then click **Shopping Cart** at the top right of the page and select **Checkout**.
3. Check out as a guest or create an account. You will be prompted for a phone number to receive a quick verification code.
4. Enter your billing address and complete your payment, then click **Confirm**.

A note on payments:

- **Standard Payment:** The **\$16.00 non-refundable application fee** is paid by credit or debit card directly through the online application portal at the time of submission.
- **School Payments / Check Exceptions:** If families or program directors need to use pay by check, please choose this option at the bottom of your registration form. Please email Dr. Bellamy-Lanz (megan.bellamy-lanz@colostate.edu) to coordinate check details.

Please note: Applications are submitted exclusively online via the CSU Honor Band Application Portal.

Please note: We cannot accept auditions submitted by email from individual students.

Results and Details for Accepted Performers

Results of the auditions will be posted on our website, www.music.colostate.edu/bands/honor-band, on Friday, October 30, 2026. 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.

- **Registration Fee:** For those who are admitted, there is a non-refundable registration fee of \$46.00 per student, payable through our online portal upon acceptance into the band. Please note that the registration fee must be paid **online before the festival begins** on December 10.
- **Attendance:** Full attendance and punctuality are required for all rehearsals, sectionals, and concerts (including attending the CSU faculty/student concerts on Thursday and Friday evening).
- **Housing & Chaperones:** Colorado State University does not provide housing or chaperones. Parents and band directors are responsible for making travel and lodging arrangements.
- **Concert Dress:** Requirements for each student are dark suit, black dress, or black pantsuit (all-black top and bottom).

The concert will be held on Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 PM in Griffin Concert Hall at the CSU University Center for the Arts.