



Wisconsin Association of FFA State FFA Honors Band

AUDITION RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS

DUE by 11:59 p.m. on Application Due Date

For Wisconsin FFA Band Applicants, a recorded audition **must be submitted as a link as a part of the online application** located on the <https://www.wisconsinaged.org/band-chorus-talent> website.. Recording is simple...and allows the director to properly place you for this prestigious band.

Use recording equipment that is of high quality. Each year there are students who are not selected because the recording is of low quality.

All recordings must be the work of the applicant applying and be a top-quality performance which accurately represents the student's musical ability. Audition files will not be returned.

Begin your recording following these steps:

WOODWINDS AND BRASS:

- Step 1: Slowly announce your name and state.
- Step 2: Repeat your name, and then give your instrument.
- Step 3: Begin playing the Chromatic scale (as many octaves as you can play it).
- Step 4: Play the major scale of your choice.
- Step 5: Play a solo and/or technical study to demonstrate your skills.

PERCUSSION:

- Step 1: Slowly announce your name and state.
- Step 2: Repeat your name, and then give your instrument.
- Step 3: Perform the following rudiments on snare: Closed Stroke Roll (buzz roll), Single Stroke Roll, Paradiddle, Flams, Flam Tap
- Step 4: Perform the following scales on any keyboard instrument: Bb Major, Eb Major (one octave each)
- Step 5: Play a portion of your marching band show music or drum cadence on your marching instrument, or a technical snare solo.

New! If interested in an assignment of "drum set" (as needed), please submit an additional video showing your ability playing 16 or more measures of the following styles: Rock, Swing, your choice.

Submitting Audition

1. Audio recordings should be uploaded to YouTube or Google/Microsoft Drive and saved as a public recording.
2. A link to the YouTube/Google/Microsoft Drive Audio recording should be placed in the appropriate application box in the online application.
3. **Be sure the link is accessible to the public view. Applications with links that do not work will not be reviewed.**

The recorded audition is ONLY one piece of your State FFA Honor Band application. In addition, the following MUST be completed: 1) Online application - which also includes a Director Evaluation that needs to be uploaded within the online application and 2) \$15 Entry fee paid online by the chapter FFA advisor.

National FFA Band Information:

National Band recommendations are made by the State FFA Band Director. Students interested in being considered for the National Band should do so by checking the appropriate area of the application. National nominations will be announced at the FFA State Convention. Generally, only those members that have been in the State FFA Band for one year and are returning members are considered for this application process.