



# Wisconsin Association of FFA

## State FFA Honors Band

### General Information

## Application Due Date Set Each Year

The State FFA Honors Band consists of about sixty to eighty musicians which rehearse and perform at both the State FFA Convention and the Wisconsin State Fair. These members are selected through an application and a recorded audition reviewed by the State FFA Honors Band director. No FFA member will be allowed to participate in the State FFA Honors Band for more than a total of five (5) years. Band members must provide their own instruments and music stands for the various performances. Notifications will take place of acceptance the first week of May or earlier. State Band pins will be awarded to each band member following the last performance at State Fair.

Applications should be submitted only by those who will be available at these MANDATORY FFA Honors Band functions. These functions include the following:

1. **State FFA Convention:** In June, the State FFA Convention is held in the Exhibition Hall of the Alliant Energy Center of Dane County in Madison.
  - a. Local chapters are responsible for housing and covering expenses of members participating in the band.
  - b. No special housing arrangements are made for band members.
2. **Wisconsin State Fair:** In August, the band performs at the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis, Wisconsin.
  - a. Participants will be housed and provided meals in the State Fair dormitory located on State Fair grounds.
  - b. Each member will be charged \$80 for lodging, meals and admission at the Fair. (The State FFA Association will cover the balance of the expenses for the above items.) This amount will need to be paid by June 1 to confirm participation.
  - c. Entry forms **will be** filled out prior to the State FFA Convention and submitted to the Wisconsin FFA Center by June 1. The State FFA Executive Director will officially enter members as participants of the State Fair.

FFA members who apply for State FFA Honors Band are expected to totally fulfill their commitment if selected. Only extenuating circumstances should prevent an applicant from participating. It shall be the responsibility of the FFA Honors Band member and local FFA Advisor to notify the State FFA Honors Band Director and the Wisconsin FFA Center if difficulties arise.

Every band member should recognize the need for commitment, if the total group is to meet its potential. Complete responsibility to the other members is a must. If the applicant is not reasonably certain as to their availability, they should not apply.

### THREE STEP APPLICATION PROCESS – DUE / POSTMARKED BY DESIGNATED DUE DATE SET BY FFA CENTER EACH YEAR

#### STEP ONE: Audition - Audio Recording

Please read the Application Instructions for specific instructions in creating a recorded audition. Recorded auditions are emailed directly to: [montedunnum@gmail.com](mailto:montedunnum@gmail.com)

All recorded auditions must be the work of the applicant and should be a top-quality performance to accurately review the applicant's musical ability.

## STEP TWO: Entry Fee

The band applicant must send a \$10 entry fee with the application to cover processing, mailings and related expenses.

Make checks payable to: **Wisconsin FFA Center**

All applications must include an entry fee to be accepted.

**Application and \$10 entry fee** must be SENT (via postal carrier) to:

Cheryl Zimmerman  
State FFA Executive Director  
Wisconsin FFA Center  
P.O. Box 110  
Spencer, WI 54479

## STEP THREE: Application

Please print the Band Application, Verification of Commitment, and Director's Evaluation. Complete and secure signatures before returning.

### A COMPLETE STATE FFA HONORS BAND APPLICATION INCLUDES

Audio submission **EMAILED** by 11:59 pm on application due date to Monte Dunnum at [montedunnum@gmail.com](mailto:montedunnum@gmail.com)

\_\_\_ Recorded Audition

\_\_\_ Director's Evaluation

**Send BOTH in one email if possible**

ALL paper pieces must be postmarked to the Wisconsin FFA Center by application due date.

\_\_\_ \$10 Entry Fee included with paper application

\_\_\_ Wisconsin State Honors Band Application

\_\_\_ Verification of Commitment

If any piece of your application is missing it will not be reviewed and you forfeit your entry fee.

### National FFA Band Nominations

Application for the National FFA Band is optional. From the selected applicants, the State FFA Honors Band Director will select those individuals they feel are qualified to be nominated for the National FFA Band.

National FFA Band nominations will be announced at the State FFA Convention. Once an individual is nominated, they will receive the proper application to be forwarded to the National FFA Band director. If selected for National FFA Band, members would perform at the National FFA Convention.

Money may be available through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation Inc. to assist National Band participants with expenses. To participate in the National Band, a member must participate at both State FFA Convention and Wisconsin State Fair.



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### AUDITION RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS

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

For Wisconsin FFA Band Applicants, an electronic recorded audition must be submitted to Monte Dunnum. 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.

When emailing your recording follow the noted template:

**SUBJECT LINE:** First Name, Last Name State FFA Honors Band Audition

**CONTENT OF EMAIL:** Student's Full Given Name

- a. Instrument
- b. Chapter Name
- c. Personal Address
- d. Contact Phone
- e. Email Address

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:

Step 1: Slowly announce your name (first and last), chapter and address (including 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)... or drum rudiment.

Step 4: Play the major scale of your choice... or another drum rudiment.

Step 5: Play your part to your school song, or a favorite march.

Step 6: Play a solo and/or technical study to demonstrate your skills.

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 paper application. National nominations will be announced at the FFA State Convention. Generally, only returning members are considered.

Please send **BOTH** the Recorded Audition and Director's Evaluation in the same email (if at all possible). Both documents must be emailed by 11:59 pm on application due date to: [montedunnum@gmail.com](mailto:montedunnum@gmail.com)

**The recorded audition is ONLY one piece of your State FFA Honor Band application.** In addition, the following **MUST** be sent to the Wisconsin FFA Center: 1) Paper application, 2) Verification of Commitment, and 3) \$10 Entry fee must be postmarked by application due date. ***Application, Commitment of Verification and Director Evaluation forms must be single sided and loose or paper clipped if sending multiple applications (DO NOT STAPLE)!***

Remit \$10 entry fee to Wisconsin FFA Center

Send to: Cheryl Zimmerman  
Wisconsin FFA Center  
PO Box 110  
Spencer, WI 54479



# WI State FFA Honors Band Application

Must be postmarked by application due date.

This form is a fillable PDF. Please fill out contact information electronically.

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: WI Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete FFA chapter name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: WI Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of the State FFA Band: \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes (# of years: \_\_\_\_)

1. List the name of solo's played, if any, the rating in state or other contests, or any other statement of experience which especially qualifies you:

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2. List any Musical Honors earned (e.g. Dorian Festival Band, Local Honors Band, All State Band...)

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3. Do you have performance experience in Jazz Ensemble: \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes (please explain)

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4. If you play any additional instruments, please list them and the number of years of experience?

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5. Do you want to be considered for National FFA Band nomination? \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes

We have examined this application and find the information is true, accurate, and complete. We understand the commitment involved in the Honors Band and agree to honor it if selected.

Candidate Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# WI State FFA Honors Band Application

## Verification of Commitment

This form, the Application, and the entry fee mailed to Wisconsin FFA Center.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

If I am selected as a member of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Honors Band, I am committed to perform at both the Wisconsin State FFA Convention and the Wisconsin State Fair.

If for some reason I am unable to attend the Wisconsin State Fair performance. I agree to reimburse the Wisconsin Association of FFA for the full expenses incurred for my room and board at the Wisconsin State Fair during the time of the State FFA Honors Band Performances.

FFA members selected for the Wisconsin FFA Honors Band agree upon their selection that they will participate in both of the required events, unless in an extreme situation that has been approved by the State FFA Honors Band Director.

I understand that if I am considered a "No Show" at either of these events, that I will forfeit the privilege to apply and participate in the FFA Honors Band the following year.

**Candidates Name (*printed*):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidates Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

We confirm that this student is aware of the expectations for participating in all aspects of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Honors Band and understands the consequences of not following through with this commitment.

**Parent/Guardian's Name (*printed*):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Advisor's Name (*printed*):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Advisor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# WI State FFA Honors Band Application

## Director's Evaluation

Print this page for your band director to complete. *Remind band director to email completed document to Monte Dunnum with recorded audition if possible (email at the bottom of this document).*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**This section is to be completed and certified by a band director. This information is confidential.**

<b>Instrument</b>	
<b>Key/Clef</b>	
<b>Years of Experience</b>	

### ABILITY

	Excellent	Above Average	Fair	Weak
<b>Sight-reading</b>				
<b>Tone Quality</b>				
<b>Technique</b>				
<b>Intonation</b>				
<b>Rhythm</b>				
<b>Musicianship</b>				

Position of candidate in section of high school concert band: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of players in that section: \_\_\_\_\_

List three representative works that your HS Concert Band has performed in the past two years:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the term which most accurately describes the nominee's ability:

- ☐ Excellent – First Chair Caliber  
☐ Good - Can carry part without help  
☐ Average "Plays along"

Directors Name (*printed*): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please email this completed evaluation to [montedunnum@gmail.com](mailto:montedunnum@gmail.com) with recorded audition if possible)