



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
United States Air Force Band of the West

28 January 2016

Band of the West
1860 Carswell Avenue, STE 1
JBSA Lackland TX 78236

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for inquiring about auditioning for the trombone position in the United States Air Force Band of the West. This musical audition will be conducted in two parts: (a) an initial screening by pre-recorded MP 3/CD and (b) a live audition for those selected out of the initial screening. Details concerning recording submission are attached. Please look over these requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to take the audition at this time. The following information outlines requirements and important dates.

- Mar 7, 2016 Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials and resume. Demonstration CDs cannot be returned to applicant.
- Mar 21, 2016 Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is invited to participate in the live auditions.
- May 3, 2016 Live audition at San Antonio, TX (JBSA Lackland).

In addition to passing the musical audition, you must also meet other criteria in order to become a member of an Air Force Band. Before applying, carefully determine if you feel you meet the following Air Force eligibility requirements.

- Age: You must be able to enlist in the Air Force PRIOR to your 39th birthday.
- Weight: Overweight individuals are prohibited from enlisting in the Air Force. If you foresee having a problem in this area I can recommend various solutions.
- Medical: Individuals must be qualified for worldwide duty. Chronic medical problems, congenital defects etc., may be disqualifying factors.
- Financial: A severe financial problem could be a disqualifying factor.
- Criminal: A criminal record could be a disqualifying factor.
- Citizenship: You must be a natural born citizen, naturalized, or able to complete the naturalization process within four years.

If you have any questions that pertain to the aforementioned eligibility requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us. In order to attend the live audition, you must meet with the United States Air Force Recruiter in your area to be pre-qualified to attend basic training. Our office will initiate this visit after we find you musically qualified. You must return a memorandum from your recruiter visit to our offices in order to attend the audition.

Thank you so much for contacting the United States Air Force Band of the West regarding our upcoming audition. We hope you have a great experience during this process and wish you the best of luck. Please let me know if I can help you with anything. Do not hesitate to contact me directly at (210) 925-7768 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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MILES J HUDLOW, TSgt,
USAF Band of the West
NCOIC, Auditions

Attachments:

1. Audition Requirements (pre-screen)

The United States Air Force Band of the West
JBSA Lackland, San Antonio, TX
ANNOUNCES AN OPENING FOR
Trombone

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- 1) Resume
- 2) Recording demonstrating musical versatility on tenor or bass trombone

Specifically, recordings must include:

Solo: Perform sections from the following works (or something comparable) on tenor or bass trombone that showcase both lyrical and technical styles. It should demonstrate the highest professional standard, displaying musical maturity, rhythmic control, technical accuracy, and evenness of tone. Piano accompaniment is preferred, but not required.

David: *Concertino for Trombone, Op. 4*

Pryor: *Blue Bells of Scotland*

De Meij: *T-Bone Concerto*

Bourgeois: *Trombone Concerto, Op. 114a*

Vaughn Williams: *Vaughn Williams: Concerto for Bass Tuba*

Ewazen: *Concerto for Bass Trombone*

Frank: *Variations on Barnacle Bill*

Excerpts: Perform the following selections demonstrating knowledge of the repertoire and controlled application of technique.

Tenor Trombone

Ravel: *Bolero* (Begin 3rd bar after Rehearsal Mark 10 and stop at the end of the bar at Rehearsal Mark 11)

Fillmore: *Rolling Thunder* (Perform the 1st trombone part from the beginning to Rehearsal Mark J with all written repeats)

OR

Bass Trombone

Franck: *Symphony in D Minor, Movement III* (Perform Rehearsal Mark N to the end of the 18th bar of N)

Fillmore: *Rolling Thunder* (Perform the 3rd trombone part from the beginning to Rehearsal Mark J with all written repeats)

Jazz: Perform head and solo over two of the following contrasting jazz selections (one from each list or something comparable) on tenor or bass trombone, displaying stylistic maturity, rhythmic control, technical accuracy, and evenness of tone.

Up-Tempo

All the Things You Are

Anthropology

Lady Bird

Oleo

Wave

Ballad/Lyrical

Body and Soul

I'm Getting Sentimental Over You

Lament

Sophisticated Lady

Stardust

All resumes and pre-screening materials must be received by Mar 7, 2016

LIVE Audition Date: May 3, 2016 JBSA Lackland, San Antonio, TX

Each candidate will be notified of results by March 21, 2016. Live audition is by invitation only.

Send Resume and Recorded Materials to:

USAF Band of the West
ATTN: Saxophone Audition
1860 Carswell Avenue, STE 1
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236
(OR)

Email WAV or MP3 Files via Dropbox to bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com (preferred)

Salary: \$38,000 - \$42,000 annually
Benefits: Full medical and dental benefits
30 days' vacation with pay per year
GI Bill for college up to \$80,000

Call 210-925-7768

or email bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com
or visit our website at www.bandofthewest.af.mil for further information.

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