



May 3rd, 2021

The U.S. Air Force Academy Band
520 Otis Street
Peterson SFB CO 80914-1620

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for inquiring about auditioning for an audio engineer position with the United States Air Force Academy Band. This musical audition will be conducted in two parts: (a) a prescreening by e-mailing Dropbox links to MP3 files (encoded at 320kbps for best quality), a one page résumé, and (b) a live audition for those selected from the initial screening. Details concerning both prescreen submission and the live auditions are attached. Please review these requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to take the audition at this time. The following information outlines the requirements and important dates.

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| July 5 th , 2021 | Deadline for receipt of all musical prescreening materials and résumé. |
| July 19 th , 2021 | Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is invited to participate in the live auditions. |
| August 23-27, 2021 | Live audition at <u>Peterson Space Force Base</u> , Colorado Springs, CO. |

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

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| Age: | You must be able to enlist in the Air Force between the ages of 17–39. |
| Weight: | Individuals must meet weight requirements in order to enlist in the Air Force. |
| 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. |

For more precise information on becoming a member of the U.S. Air Force, please visit www.airforce.com

*****Prior Service and Active Duty members - please contact the USAFA Band Auditions team for additional information prior to submitting materials.*****

If you are invited to the live audition, you will be required to meet with an official Air Force recruiter to be pre-qualified for basic military training. If you have any questions that pertain to the aforementioned eligibility requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you so much for contacting the United States Air Force Academy Band 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 (719) 556-9916 or email usafbandauditions@gmail.com if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

ANDREW J. BENTON, SMSgt, USAF
The USAF Academy Band
Director of Operations
NCOIC, Auditions

Attachments:

1. Audition Requirements (pre-screen)
2. Job Qualifications



ANNOUNCES A PREMIER BAND OPENING FOR:

AUDIO ENGINEER

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- Resume and any letters of recommendation
- At least 3, no more than 5 recordings, studio or live (mixture of both preferred), preferably of the following:
 - Rock/Pop/Country, Jazz, Wind Ensemble, any other genre that showcases recording, editing, mixing and mastering abilities
- A brief synopsis on the background of each recording with any relevant info such as:
 - Mic choice and placement
 - Post-processing choices
 - The recording space/stage used
 - Editing/comping used, if used
 - Other relevant equipment/techniques used
- A phone interview with a USAFA Band Audio Engineer. This will be scheduled on an individual basis.

NOTE: It is important to submit selections that show your strengths; let us hear what you feel you do best. Selections may be submitted with piano, rhythm section combo or larger ensemble accompaniment. You may also include material from a recent live combo or classical program/recital if available.

All résumés and pre-screening materials must be received by July 5th, 2021

LIVE Audition Date:

August 23-27, 2021, Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO

Each candidate will be notified of prescreen results by July 19th, 2021. Live audition is by invitation only.

E-mail MP3 Files (encoded at 320kbps), and Résumé both via Google Drive to:
usafabandauditions@gmail.com

Promotion to the Rank of Technical Sergeant (E6)

Starting Salary: \$57,336 - \$60,828 Annually

Permanent Duty Assignment

Full Medical and Dental Benefits

30 Days Paid Vacation Per Year

Post 9/11 GI Bill for College up to \$80,000

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visit our website at www.usafacademyband.af.mil for further information.

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AUDIO ENGINEER

Qualifications: Must be an outstanding audio engineer with the ability to run sound for diverse music performance teams including concert ensembles, jazz groups, and popular music groups (rock/pop, country, etc.). Must have professional sound support experience in current top 40/commercial styles of music as well as chamber ensemble settings. Must have strong working knowledge of digital boards, in ear monitors, frequency tapering, decibel reading, advanced problem-solving techniques, system trouble shooting skills, and possess strong interpersonal skills. Additionally, all members of the USAFA Band are required to perform in ceremonial marching band and will be tasked to play cymbals, bass drum, snare drum, or another instrument if deemed qualified.