



January 27th, 2021

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

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for inquiring about auditioning for a vocal 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, professional reference letter of recommendation (no more than three) 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.

April 26 th , 2021	Deadline for receipt of all musical prescreening materials and résumé.
May 3 rd , 2021	Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is invited to participate in the live auditions.
June 7-11, 2021	Live audition at <u>Peterson Air 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.

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



UNITED STATES
**AIR FORCE
ACADEMY BAND**

ANNOUNCES A PREMIER BAND OPENING FOR:

VOCALIST – TOP 40/Commercial/Jazz

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- Resume
- Professional reference letter of recommendation (no more than three)
- **Star Spangled Banner** – A Capella rendition
- **Jazz** – one standard selection
- **Patriotic/Broadway** – one standard selection
- **Top 40** – one current selection
- **Country** – one current selection
- **Classical** – one selection from standard reparatory

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 April 26th, 2021

LIVE Audition Date:

June 7-11, 2021, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO

Each candidate will be notified of prescreen results by May 3rd, 2021. Live audition is by invitation only.

E-mail MP3 Files (encoded at 320kbps), Résumé and References, both via Dropbox to:
usafbandauditions@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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COMMERCIAL VOCALIST

Qualifications: Must be an outstanding commercial vocalist with the ability to perform in diverse music performance teams including concert ensembles, jazz groups, and popular music groups (rock/pop, country, etc.). Must have professional experience in current top 40/commercial styles, classic rock, motown, R&B, multiple styles of jazz, and must be capable of effortlessly singing our National Anthem at high visibility events. Must be able to front an ensemble as well as be an expert communicator of Air Force and Air Force Academy messaging. Voice must produce outstanding characteristic tone and control the to enhance musicality at the highest level. Must have outstanding sight-reading, performance technique, and the ability to master advanced literature quickly. Must perform with very accurate pitch, with no range issues present, moving seamlessly through different tempi, meters, and rhythmic subdivisions. Must demonstrate effortless and creative phrasing and dynamics, both written and implied in diverse musical styles. 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.