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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, DC

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Air Force Bands Division, SAF/PA
1690 AF Pentagon, Room 1D857
Washington, DC 20330-1690

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the clarinet audition hosted by the United States Air Force Band of the West. This audition will be conducted in two parts: (1) an initial screening and selection by pre-recorded submissions and (2) a live audition for those selected from the initial screening. Details concerning the pre-screening submission are attached. Please look over the requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to audition at this time. The following information outlines important dates and requirements.

14 June 2026 – Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials
22 June 2026 – Notification of pre-screening results sent by email
27 July 2026 – Live audition at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX

In addition to passing the clarinet audition, applicants must meet all Air Force age, weight, medical, financial, legal, and citizenship requirements. Many of your initial questions concerning the USAF enlisted military experience can be answered at <https://www.airforce.com/>. 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. The audition coordinator can assist with this process and provide further instructions.

Qualified applicants may be assigned to any USAF Regional Band, depending on the greatest need of the Air Force. Air Force Regional Bands are located at the following Air Force Bases: Langley, Wright-Patterson, Scott, Offutt, Lackland, Travis, Ramstein, Hickam and Yokota.

Thank you for your interest in the upcoming audition for the United States Air Force Bands. We hope you have a great experience during this process and wish you the best of luck. Please contact The Band of the West with any questions at 737-708-7188 or bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com.

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The United States Air Force Band of the West

JBSA-Lackland, San Antonio, TX
ANNOUNCES AN AUDITION FOR
CLARINET

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

Pre-Screen Recording

- a. Solo: perform the following (or select a comparable solo work)
 - i. Mozart: Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K622, mvt 1, exposition
- b. Excerpts: submit 5 excerpts showcasing a variety of styles. Suggested excerpts include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Verdi/Lake: La Forza Del Destino, Overture, G - H
 - ii. Makris/Bader: Aegean Festival Overture, cadenza
 - iii. Granger: Lincolnshire Posy, Brisk Young Sailor, mm. 1-25
 - iv. Brahms: Symphony No. 3, Mvt II, mm. 1-13
 - v. Mendelssohn: Scherzo from A Midsummer Night's Dream, mm. 1-4

LIVE Audition Date: 27 July, 2026 at Lackland AFB, San Antonio TX
Each candidate will be notified of results by 22 June, 2026.
Live audition is invitation only.

Pre-Screen Submission Instructions:

Please submit MP3 or WAV files - **video files will not be accepted**. Name each file with the following convention: "YourLastName_SongOrExcerptTitle". Each song/excerpt should be its own file. Add all songs/excerpts to a single folder. The folder should be named with the following convention, "YourLastName_YourFirstName_Clarinet"

Upload the folder containing all files to bit.ly/BotWAuditions
Candidate **MUST** email bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com after uploading. Please include your full name, phone number, and instrument you are auditioning for.

Benefits: Full medical and dental benefits.
30 days vacation with pay per year. GI Bill for college up to \$80,000

Pre-screening materials must be received by 14 June.

Call 737-708-7188 or email bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com or visit our website at <http://www.music.af.mil> for further information.