



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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 drum set audition hosted by the United States Air Force Band of the West. This drum set 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.

11 August 2025 – Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials

25 August 2025 – Notification of pre-screening results sent by email

6 October 2025 – Live audition at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX

In addition to passing the drum set 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

Drum Set

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- a. Snare Drum: rudimental solo, candidate's choice
- b. Drum Set: submit \approx 1-2 minutes of the following styles, performed with live musicians or tracks (or solo, if necessary). Applicants are encouraged to add variety and fills within each style to further demonstrate musicality.
 - i. General Styles: Rock, Shuffle, Funk, and Country
 - ii. Jazz Styles: Medium Swing/sticks, Straight 8th Jazz Ballad w/brushes, and Medium Waltz w/brushes
 - iii. World Styles: Fast Samba, Afro-Cuban 6/8, and Mambo

LIVE Audition Date: 6 October 2025 San Antonio, TX (JBSA Lackland)

Each candidate will be notified of results by 25 August 2025.

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_Drumset”.

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 the instrument for which you are auditioning.

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

Pre-screening materials must be received by 11 August 2025

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