# AIR FORCE ACADEMY BAND

# ANNOUNCES AN OPENING FOR PREMIER BAND

# **GUITAR – Top 40/Commercial/Jazz/Rock**

### **PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:**

#### 1) Resume

- 2) Audio recording to include:
  - Solo guitar arrangement of a jazz standard demonstrating comping, single-note soloing, and chord melody
  - Single-note rock guitar solo (may be accompanied)
  - Pop/rock rhythm guitar demonstrating variety of chord voicings and rhythmic patterns (must be accompanied by rhythm track, drum machine, or metronome)
  - Acoustic guitar comping, both strumming and arpeggiated (must be accompanied by rhythm track, drum machine, or metronome)
  - In addition to the required items listed above, you may add any other selections demonstrating your musical strengths (classical guitar, studio/live recordings, pedal boards/effects, music technology, etc.)

NOTE: You may need to make a recording specifically for this audition. However, if you already have studio or live recordings which **fully demonstrate** the requirements listed above, you may send those. We stress the importance of having all required items on your pre-screening audio recording.

#### All resumes and pre-screening materials must be received by February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## LIVE Audition Date: March 28, 2020, <u>Peterson Air Force Base</u>, Colorado Springs, CO

Each candidate will be notified of prescreen results by February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Live audition is by invitation only.

#### E-mail MP3 Files (encoded at 320kbps), References and Résumé, both via Dropbox to: <u>usafabandauditions@gmail.com</u>

Promotion to the Rank of Technical Sergeant (E6) Salary: \$53,600 Annually Permanent Duty Assignment Full Medical and Dental Benefits 30 Days Paid Vacation Per Year College Loan Repayment up to \$10,000 Post 9/11 GI Bill for College up to \$80,000



December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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 guitar 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) and 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.

| February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 | Deadline for receipt of all musical prescreening materials and      |
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|                                  | résumé.   |
| February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 | Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is invited to |
|                                  | participate in the live auditions.                                  |
| March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2020    | Live audition at Peterson Air Force Base, 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, carefully determine if you feel you meet the following Air Force eligibility requirements.

| Age:<br>Weight: | You must be able to enlist in the Air Force between the ages of 17–39.<br>Individuals must meet weight requirements in order to enlist in the Air |
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| e               | Force. Please see the attached table. 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.   |

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

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 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) 556-9961/9916 or email <u>usafabandauditions@gmail.com</u> and CC <u>colin.trusedell@us.af.mil</u> if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

COLIN R. TRUSEDELL, TSgt, USAF The USAF Academy Band NCOIC, Auditions

Attachments:

- 1. Audition Requirements (pre-screen)
- 2. USAFA Band FAQ Sheet