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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 French horn audition hosted by the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West. This musical 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 January 2026 – Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials
2 February 2026 – Notification of pre-screening results sent by email
2 April 2026 – Live audition at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA

In addition to passing the musical 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, we recommend you meet with an official Air Force recruiter to help determine any potentially disqualifying conditions. 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 Golden West with any questions at 707-424-0231 or bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com.

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The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West

ANNOUNCES AN AUDITION FOR

French Horn

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

Pre-screen recording

- a. Solo: choose one solo from the following (or select a comparable solo work)
 - i. Mozart: Concerto in Eb Major, K. 417, mvt 1 exposition
 - ii. Mozart: Concerto in Eb Major, K. 495, mvt 1 exposition
 - iii. Strauss: Concerto for Horn, No. 1 – mvt 1 exposition
- b. Excerpts: submit 4 excerpts showcasing a variety of styles. Suggested excerpts include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Jenkins: American Overture for Band, mm 1-23 and/or 30-47
 - ii. Smith: Festival Variations, mm 251-272
 - iii. Strauss: Till Eulenspiegels's Lustige Streiche, Op 28, mm 6-20
 - iv. Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5, mvt 2 solo, mm 8-28
 - v. Williams: Hymn to the Fallen, 4th horn, mm 28-43

Live audition is by invitation only.

Email prescreening materials to bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com via Google Drive. Please submit audio files, submissions do not have to be all in one take.

Materials must be received by 11:30 pm PST on 14 January 2026

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