



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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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 Percussion 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.

18 April 2022 – Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials
25 April 2022 – Notification of pre-screening results sent by email
17 June 2022 – 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, 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 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 **PERCUSSION**

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- 1) One-page resume
- 2) Pre-screen recording
 - a. Drum Set: demonstrate the following styles, ≈1-2 minutes each (performed with live musicians if possible, but can be done with track or solo, if necessary):
 - i. Swing/Bebop
 - ii. Shuffle
 - iii. Funk/Second Line
 - iv. Bossa Nova/Samba
 - v. Afro-cuban/Salsa
 - b. Mallets: 2- or 4- mallet solo of your choice
 - c. Snare Drum:
 - i. Concert Snare Solo – any solo from Twelve Studies for Snare Drum by Jacques Delecluse (or a comparable work)
 - ii. Rudimental Snare Solo – any solo of your choice

Pre-screening materials must be received by April 18, 2022

Live audition is by invitation only.

Email prescreening materials to bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com

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