



November 9th, 2020

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 trombone 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.

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| January 4, 2021 | Deadline for receipt of all musical prescreening materials and résumé. |
| January 11, 2021 | Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is invited to participate in the live auditions. |
| February 8-12, 2021 | Live audition at <u>Peterson Air Force Base</u> , Colorado Springs, CO. |

In addition to passing the musical audition, you must also meet other criteria in order to become a member of the Air Force. Before applying, carefully determine if you feel you meet the following Air Force eligibility requirements.

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| Age: | You must be able to enlist in the Air Force between the ages of 17–39. |
| Weight: | Individuals must meet weight requirements in order to enlist in the Air Force. |
| 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 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. If you have any questions that pertain to the aforementioned eligibility requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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) 556-9916 or email usafbandauditions@gmail.com if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

ANDREW J. BENTON, SMSgt, USAF
The USAF Academy Band
Director of Operations
NCOIC, Auditions

Attachments:

1. Audition Requirements (pre-screen)
2. Job Qualifications



ANNOUNCES A PREMIER BAND OPENING FOR:

TROMBONE – Jazz/Commercial

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- 1) Résumé
- 2) Audio recordings consisting of:
 - “Autumn Leaves” (Med-Fast swing – head and 2 solo choruses)
 - “Body and Soul” (Ballad tempo – head and 1 solo chorus)
 - “Confirmation” (Be Bop – head and 2 solo choruses)
 - “Wave” (Latin – head and 1 chorus)
 - Classical selection of candidate’s choice

All resumes and pre-screening materials must be received by January 4th, 2021

LIVE Audition Date:

February 8-12, 2021, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO

Each candidate will be notified of prescreen results by January 11th, 2021. Live audition is by invitation only.

E-mail MP3 Files (encoded at 320kbps), References and Résumé, both via Dropbox to:
usafbandauditions@gmail.com

Promotion to the Rank of Technical Sergeant (E6)

Starting Salary: \$57,320 - \$59,120 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

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visit our website at www.usafacademyband.af.mil for further information.

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JAZZ/COMMERCIAL TROMBONE

Qualifications: Must be an expert jazz/commercial trombone player with the ability to perform in diverse music performance teams including professional chamber and concert ensembles, jazz groups, popular music groups (rock/pop, country, etc.) and ceremonial/marching band units. Must possess outstanding skills to be featured as a soloist in different performance teams especially jazz ensembles. A desired subset skill would be the ability to play lead trombone in a big band. Must produce outstanding characteristic tone and control the instrument's sound to enhance musicality at the highest level. Must have outstanding sight-reading, performance technique, and the ability to master advanced literature quickly. Must perform with very accurate pitch, with no range issues present, moving seamlessly through different tempi, meters, and rhythmic subdivisions. Must demonstrate effortless and creative phrasing and dynamics, both written and implied in diverse musical styles.