



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
United States Air Force Band of the West

19 February 2016

Band of the West  
1860 Carswell Avenue, STE 1  
JBSA Lackland TX 78236

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for inquiring about auditioning for the bassoon position in the United States Air Force Band of the West. This musical audition will be conducted in two parts: (a) an initial screening by pre-recorded MP 3/CD and (b) a live audition for those selected out of the initial screening. Details concerning recording submission are attached. Please look over these requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to take the audition at this time. The following information outlines requirements and important dates.

- Apr 1, 2016 Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials and resume. Demonstration CDs cannot be returned to applicant.
- Apr 21, 2016 Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is invited to participate in the live auditions.
- Jun 8, 2016 Live audition at San Antonio, TX (JBSA Lackland).

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

- Age: You must be able to enlist in the Air Force PRIOR to your 39th birthday.
- Weight: Overweight individuals are prohibited from enlisting in the Air Force. A weight scale according to height is attached. 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.

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 Band of the West 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 (210) 925-7768 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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AMY M COX, TSgt, USAF  
USAF Band of the West  
NCOIC, Auditions

Attachments:

1. Audition Requirements (pre-screen)

**The United States Air Force Band of the West**  
**JBSA Lackland, San Antonio, TX**  
**ANNOUNCES AN OPENING FOR**  
**BASSOON**

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**PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:**

- 1) Resume
- 2) Recording demonstrating musical versatility on bassoon

Specifically, recordings must include:

- The first movement from *one* of the following solos or a comparable work:
  - *Concerto in Bb*, Mozart
  - *Concerto in F*, Weber
- 5-6 standard orchestral excerpts that demonstrate technique, articulation, and lyricism
  - \* = required excerpts
  - \* *Four Scottish Dances* (2<sup>nd</sup> mvt), Arnold
  - \* *Overture to the Marriage of Figaro*, Mozart
  - \* *Bolero*, Ravel
  - \* *Symphony No. 4* (2<sup>nd</sup> mvt), Tchaikovsky
  - *Rite of Spring*, Stravinsky
  - *Scheherazade* (2<sup>nd</sup> mvt, opening solo, cadenzas), Rimsky-Korsakov
  - *Symphonie Fantastique* (5<sup>th</sup> mvt), Berlioz
  - *Symphonie No. 4* (4<sup>th</sup> mvt solo), Beethoven
  - *Pulcinella Suite*, Stravinsky
  - *Violin Concerto* (2<sup>nd</sup> mvt, 2<sup>nd</sup> bsn, opening 32 mm), Brahms

***All resumes and pre-screening materials must be received by Apr 1, 2016***

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**LIVE Audition Date: June 8, 2016 JBSA Lackland, San Antonio, TX**  
*Each candidate will be notified of results by April 21, 2016. Live audition is by invitation only.*

Send Resume and Recorded Materials to:

USAF Band of the West  
ATTN: Bassoon Audition  
1860 Carswell Avenue, STE 1  
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236  
(OR)

Email WAV or MP3 Files via Dropbox to [bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com](mailto:bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com)

Salary: \$38,000 - \$42,000 annually  
Benefits: Full medical and dental benefits  
30 days paid vacation per year  
GI Bill for college up to \$80,000

Call 210-925-7768

or email [bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com](mailto:bandofthewestauditions@gmail.com)

or visit our website at [www.bandofthewest.af.mil](http://www.bandofthewest.af.mil) for further information.

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