Wisconsin Association of FFA
State FFA Honors Band
General Information
DUE – February 12, 2020

The State FFA Honors Band consists of about sixty to eighty musicians which rehearse and perform at both the State FFA Convention and the Wisconsin State Fair. These members are selected through an application and a recorded audition reviewed by the State FFA Honors Band director. No FFA member will be allowed to participate in the State FFA Honors Band for more than a total of five (5) years. Band members must provide their own instruments and music stands for the various performances. Notifications will take place of acceptance the first week of May or earlier. State Band pins will be awarded to each band member following the last performance at State Fair.

Applications should be submitted only by those who will be available at these MANDATORY FFA Honors Band functions. These functions include the following:

1. **State FFA Convention**: In June, the State FFA Convention is held in the Exhibition Hall of the Alliant Energy Center of Dane County in Madison.
   a. Local chapters are responsible for housing and covering expenses of members participating in the band.
   b. No special housing arrangements are made for band members.

2. **Wisconsin State Fair**: In August, the band performs at the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis, Wisconsin.
   a. Participants will be housed and provided meals in the State Fair dormitory located on State Fair grounds.
   b. Each member will be charged $50 for lodging, meals and admission at the Fair. (The State FFA Association will cover the balance of the expenses for the above items.) This amount will need to be paid by June 1 to confirm participation.
   c. Entry forms will be filled out prior to the State FFA Convention and submitted to the Wisconsin FFA Center by June 1. The State FFA Executive Director will officially enter members as participants of the State Fair.

FFA members who apply for State FFA Honors Band are expected to totally fulfill their commitment if selected. Only extenuating circumstances should prevent an applicant from participating. It shall be the responsibility of the FFA Honors Band member and local FFA Advisor to notify the State FFA Honors Band Director and the Wisconsin FFA Center if difficulties arise.

Every band member should recognize the need for commitment, if the total group is to meet its potential. Complete responsibility to the other members is a must. If the applicant is not reasonably certain as to their availability, they should not apply.

**THREE STEP APPLICATION PROCESS – DUE / POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 12**

**STEP ONE**: Audition - Audio Recording
Please read the Application Instructions for specific instructions in creating a recorded audition. Recorded auditions are emailed directly to: montedunnum@gmail.com

All recorded auditions must be the work of the applicant and should be a top-quality performance to accurately review the applicant’s musical ability.
STEP TWO: Entry Fee
The band applicant must send a $10 entry fee with the application to cover processing, mailings and related expenses.

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin FFA Center

All applications must include an entry fee to be accepted.

Application and $10 entry fee must be SENT (via postal carrier) to:

Cheryl Zimmerman
State FFA Executive Director
Wisconsin FFA Center
P.O. Box 110
Spencer, WI 54479

STEP THREE: Application
Please print the Band Application, Verification of Commitment, and Director's Evaluation. Complete and secure signatures before returning.

A COMPLETE STATE FFA HONORS BAND APPLICATION INCLUDES

Audio submission EMAILED by 11:59 pm on February 12, 2020 to Monte Dunnum at montedunnum@gmail.com

___ Recorded Audition
___ Director’s Evaluation

Send BOTH in one email if possible

ALL paper pieces must be postmarked to the Wisconsin FFA Center by February 12.

___ $10 Entry Fee included with paper application
___ Wisconsin State Honors Band Application
___ Verification of Commitment

If any piece of your application is missing it will not be reviewed and you forfeit your entry fee.

National FFA Band Nominations

Application for the National FFA Band is optional. From the selected applicants, the State FFA Honors Band Director will select those individuals they feel are qualified to be nominated for the National FFA Band.

National FFA Band nominations will be announced at the State FFA Convention. Once an individual is nominated, they will receive the proper application to be forwarded to the National FFA Band director. If selected for National FFA Band, members would perform at the National FFA Convention.

Money may be available through the Wisconsin FFA Foundation Inc. to assist National Band participants with expenses. To participate in the National Band, a member must participate at both State FFA Convention and Wisconsin State Fair.
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AUDITION RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS
DUE by 11:59 p.m. on February 12, 2020

For Wisconsin FFA Band Applicants, an electronic recorded audition must be submitted to Monte Dunnum. Recording is simple…and allows the director to properly place you for this prestigious band.

Use recording equipment that is of high quality. Each year there are students who are not selected because the recording is of low quality.

When emailing your recording follow the noted template:

**SUBJECT LINE:** First Name, Last Name State FFA Honors Band Audition
**CONTENT OF EMAIL:**  Student's Full Given Name
  a. Instrument
  b. Chapter Name
  c. Personal Address
  d. Contact Phone
  e. Email Address

All recordings must be the work of the applicant applying and be a top-quality performance which accurately represents the student’s musical ability. Audition files will not be returned.

Begin your recording following these steps:
  1. Step 1: Slowly announce your name (first and last), chapter and address (including state).
  2. Step 2: Repeat your name and then give your instrument.
  3. Step 3: Begin playing the Chromatic scale (as many octaves as you can play)... or drum rudiment.
  4. Step 4: Play the major scale of your choice... or another drum rudiment.
  5. Step 5: Play your part to your school song, or a favorite march.
  6. Step 6: Play a solo and/or technical study to demonstrate your skills.

National Band recommendations are made by the State FFA Band Director. Students interested in being considered for the National Band should do so by checking the appropriate area of the paper application. National nominations will be announced at the FFA State Convention. Generally only returning members are considered.

Please send BOTH the Recorded Audition and Director’s Evaluation in the same email (if at all possible). Both documents must be emailed by 11:59 pm on February 12 to: montedunnum@gmail.com

The recorded audition is ONLY one piece of your State FFA Honor Band application. In addition the following MUST be sent to the Wisconsin FFA Center: 1) Paper application, 2) Verification of Commitment, and 3) $10 Entry fee must be postmarked by February 12.

Remit $10 entry fee to Wisconsin FFA Center

Send to:  Cheryl Zimmerman
         Wisconsin FFA Center
         PO Box 110
         Spencer, WI  54479
WI State FFA Honors Band Application
Must be postmarked by February 12
This form, the Verification of Commitment, and the entry fee mailed to Wisconsin FFA Center.

Name: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________
Membership Number: ___________________ Age: _______ Year in School: ___________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
City: ______________________ State: WI Zip: __________ Phone #: (____)_________________
Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): _______________________________________________________
Complete FFA chapter name: __________________________________________________________
Chapter #: __________________
Primary Advisor: ___________________________________________________________________
Advisor's Email Address: _______________________________________________________________
Name of High School: __________________________________________________________________
School Address: _____________________________________________________________________
School City: ____________________ State: WI Zip: ________ School Phone #: (____)___________
Have you ever been a member of the State FFA Band: ___ No ___ Yes (# of years: ___)
1. List the name of solo's played, if any, the rating in state or other contests, or any other statement of experience which especially qualifies you:
___________________________________________________________________________________________
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2. List any Musical Honors earned (e.g. Dorian Festival Band, Local Honors Band, All State Band…)
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
3. Do you have performance experience in Jazz Ensemble: ___ No ___ Yes (please explain)
___________________________________________________________________________________________
4. If you plan any additional instruments please list them and the number of years of experience?
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
5. Do you want to be considered for National FFA Band nomination? ___ No ___ Yes
We have examined this application and find the information is true, accurate, and complete. We understand the commitment involved in the Honors Band and agree to honor it if selected.
Candidate Signature: _________________________________________ Date: ___________________
Advisor Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ___________________
Student Name: _____________________________ Chapter Name: ________________________

If I am selected as a member of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Honors Band, I am committed to perform at both the Wisconsin State FFA Convention and the Wisconsin State Fair.

If for some reason I am unable to attend the Wisconsin State Fair performance. I agree to reimburse the Wisconsin Association of FFA for the full expenses incurred for my room and board at the Wisconsin State Fair during the time of the State FFA Honors Band Performances.

FFA members selected for the Wisconsin FFA Honors Band agree upon their selection that they will participate in both of the required events, unless in an extreme situation that has been approved by the State FFA Honors Band Director.

I understand that if I am considered a “No Show” at either of these events, that I will forfeit the privilege to apply and participate in the FFA Honors Band the following year.

Candidates Name *(printed)*: _____________________________ Date: __________

Candidates Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________

We confirm that this student is aware of the expectations for participating in all aspects of the Wisconsin Association of FFA Honors Band and understands the consequences of not following through with this commitment.

Parent/Guardian’s Name *(printed)*: _____________________________ Date: __________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________

Chapter Advisor’s Name *(printed)*: _____________________________ Date: __________

Chapter Advisor’s Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________
Student Name: ______________________________ Chapter Name: __________________________

This section is to be completed and certified by a band director. This information is confidential.

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Position of candidate in section of high school concert band: _____

Number of players in that section: _____

List three representative works that your HS Concert Band has performed in the past two years:

1. ____________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________

Please check the term which most accurately describes the nominee’s ability:

___ Excellent – First Chair Caliber
___ Good - Can carry part without help
___ Average “Plays along”

Directors Name (printed): ___________________________ Date: ____________

Directors Signature: ______________________________________

(Please email this completed evaluation to montedunnum@gmail.com with recorded audition if possible)