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***American Wind Band Scholarship Audition Information  
Scholarship Requirements***

Dear Applicant,

We wish to thank you for your interest in our scholarship competition. One high school finalist will be awarded a \$1,700.00 scholarship, and another high school student will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. One 8<sup>th</sup> grade finalist will be awarded a \$1,370.00 scholarship, and another 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will receive a \$1,100 scholarship. The scholarship money will be paid to each student's private teacher for future study on a band instrument or the band camp of the student's choosing.

We have a two-step process. Applicants will provide an **unaccompanied audio only** recordings of their solos for the first round of the competition. Judges will only consider the quality of the recorded performance but not the quality of the media used. These auditions will be blind. No information will be revealed to the judges except for the applicant's instrument.

Based upon the first-round recordings, the scholarship committee will select contestants to compete in the second round. Due to the unpredictable nature of state COVID-19 mitigation recommendations, we will be asking for video submissions for the final round audition this year. We will notify applicants by March 6 of the results of the first round. Applicants who were selected to move on to the final round will be given further instructions which will include 1-2 weeks to submit an **unaccompanied video** performance.

**Requirements:**

1. Previous winning soloists cannot audition in a consecutive year.
2. Applicants must be in high school or 8<sup>th</sup> grade ready to graduate and presently a member of the school band. If the applicant's school does not offer a band program, the applicant must participate similarly in a youth band or orchestra or a community band or orchestra on a band instrument.
3. Applicants must submit an **audio-only** recording of a solo performance on a band instrument along with the application form by the deadline, February 20, 2021. The recording may be submitted to the mailing or online addresses listed on the application. The application form can be found at [www.americanwindband.org](http://www.americanwindband.org).
4. The solo must be performed **without** accompaniment for the recording and the second-round audition.
5. The length of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade solo should not exceed 5 minutes, and the length of the high school solo should not exceed 10 minutes.

There will not be a formal numerical rating of the audition performance. The judges' decision will be final. We must receive applications and audio recordings on or before February 20, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted. Email applications to [americanwindbandil@gmail.com](mailto:americanwindbandil@gmail.com) or mail them to:

**American Wind Band  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 605  
Downers Grove, IL 60515**

Scholarship recipients will be invited but not required to perform their winning solos at a future American Wind Band concert when we are able to resume regular operations.

Good luck!