



2021 Audition Application Process

FAME – Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education invites middle and high school students who live and/or attend school in Prince George’s County Maryland to apply to its FAME Jazz Band Program. Homeschooled students are also encouraged to apply. Applicants must be committed to playing their musical instrument and performing/learning jazz music. Jazz Band’s Artistic Director is renowned music educator and performer, Dr. Clarence E. Knight, Jr.

Timeline

- February 12: Application opens – To complete online click - [HERE](#); or email copy to info@famejazzband.org, or mail to FAME, PO Box 2228, Bowie MD 20718-2228.
- March 20: Application & Essay deadline: 11:59PM
- March 20: Teacher Recommendation deadline: 11:59PM
- March 22-23: Applicants are notified of their audition time
- March 27: Auditions

Instrumentation The FAME Jazz Band Program is accepting applications for all standard jazz band instruments. Refer to FAQ sheet on FAMEmusic.org website for instrumentation list.

Application Fee There is a non-refundable \$50 application fee required of all applicants due when your application is submitted. Scholarships are available for those who present a significant financial need. Inquire at info@famejazzband.org.

Application Requirements

- **Biographical Essay:** Essays should address the following prompt in a clear and organized way.

Describe your background and musical/educational experience and address how participation in The FAME Jazz Band Program would help you achieve personal or artistic goals. Also, tell us some of your favorite musicians and what about them interests you.

Email essays as a PDF to info@famejazzband.org by March 20th at 11:59PM. Follow the below instructions and requirements for essays based on grade level below.

For students in 9th grade and below essay requirements are:

- Essays should be at least 250 words.
- Should contain no grammatical or spelling errors.
- Should address the prompt above completely.

For students in 10th grade and above essay requirements are:

- Essays should be at least 350 words.
- Should contain no grammatical or spelling errors.
- Should address the prompt above completely.

● **Teacher Recommendations:** A teacher recommendation/reference (music teacher or ensemble conductor(s) are preferred) is required for each applicant. The teacher must complete the application form via the online recommendation form or email a completed form info@famejazzband.org by March 20th at 11:59PM. The recommendation link can be found [HERE](#).

Audition Requirements

- Applicants will perform two songs. Selected songs should highlight your technical and musical skill. For jazz selections, feel free to use a 'play-along' track. For classical selections, an accompanist is not required.
- **Email a copy of your audition music to info@famejazzband.org prior to your audition.**

Audition Day Procedure Familiarize yourself with the general audition procedure below.

- Begin with a formal **introduction**. You should state your name, school, instrument, city and the title of the work(s) you will perform and if necessary what key (jazz selections only).
- **Solo Works:** The solos of your choice should be approximately three minutes long each. A movement or selection of longer works is allowed.
- Be prepared to answer the following **personal questions**:
 - Who or what inspires you musically?
 - Complete the following: "Music is _____".
 - Describe your instrument's personality?

Eligibility You must be a middle or high school student who lives in **and/or** attends school in Prince George's County, Maryland. Home schooled students are encouraged to apply.

Information & Questions

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