



INSTRUMENTAL AUDITION INFORMATION PACKET

Office of the Director of Bands

Dear Prospective Band Member:

The Bethune Cookman University Marching Wildcats are in the process of recruiting new students that are interested in attending Bethune Cookman University and participating in the band program for the 2019-2020 academic school year. The Band Program is composed of the Marching Wildcats, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, University Band, Jazz Combo, and a variety of ensembles that include Woodwinds, Brass & Percussion.

Interested student musicians must audition with a member of the band staff on or before May 31, 2019. Students interested in becoming a member of the 14Karat Gold Dancer and Sophisticat Flag Corp should be aware that auditions for freshman will be conducted Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Scholarships are available for those students who qualify from an audition. Scholarships range from \$1,000.00 to full scholarship based on musical abilities, and the instrumental needs of the band program for the coming year. Students who have made All-State Band in their respective state *may* qualify for a full scholarship that covers tuition and housing, however, an audition is still required that demonstrates the skills and talents for such a scholarship. All students receiving band scholarships and participate in the marching band program are **required to have a valid U.S. passport**, must be admitted and accepted to the institution, have on file a Bethune Cookman University Medical History Form with the Office of Health Services and the band program, and have a completed Federal Financial Aid Form on file with the Bethune Cookman University Financial Aid Office as well as maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.25 while attending the institution. Please note that the priority date for applying for Federal Financial Aid is October 1, 2018. Hopefully, we will have you as a part of the Bethune Cookman University Band Program.

Thanks for your interest in Bethune Cookman University and the Band program!

If interested, contact me to make an appointment for an audition.

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BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

Band Audition Form

I. SCALES

Play the scales at a tempo of 100 in an eighth note pattern and attempt to play each scale a minimum of two octaves. Include the arpeggio at the end of each scale. Chromatic scales should start on low concert B-flat major and play ascending as far as you can and descend back to the starting pitch.

Horns/Marimba- Concert Bb Maj., Eb Maj., Ab Maj., Db Maj., Gb Maj., Cb Maj., F Maj., G Maj., D Maj., A Maj., E Maj., B Maj.

Percussion- The Standard American Rudiments are required. Please start at a slow tempo and accelerate to a roll for a minimum of (5) seconds. The Standard American Rudiments can be found at <http://www.pas.org/resources/rudiments/rudiments.html> which is the International Rudiments, but the American Rudiments will have an asterisk (*). **Percussion auditions are conducted on the snare drum only.**

II. PREPARED SELECTION

Please select literature that demonstrates your strengths as a musician, and prove your capabilities for playing collegiate level music. Grade (5) solos from your state list are preferred for scholarship consideration.

Title _____

Composer _____

Text/Method Book _____

III. SIGHT READING

Your director should administer this portion of the audition. **Band directors must contact Mr. Wells (wellsd@cookman.edu) to secure the audition music.** The **SIGHT READING** material should not be opened until the time of your audition by your band director; **not before**. You will be allowed one minute to review the music before playing.

IV. AUDITIONS: Live/DVD/YouTube VIDEO

Students interested in a live audition must call and make an appointment. All auditions that are not done in person must be recorded on DVD or are acceptable by YouTube video. ALL video auditions must run continuously throughout the entire audition without any stops, breaks, or camera shut-offs. Band directors must contact Mr. Wells (wellsd@cookman.edu) to secure the audition music. Submit YouTube link to (wellsd@cookman.edu) without a password.

V. SCHOLARSHIPS

Once members of the band staff have evaluated the audition tape, you will be contacted and notified of your results. Scholarship offers will be given during the audition in writing if you qualify. The student will have 60 days to evaluate the scholarship offer and make a written commitment to accept the scholarship. Your parents must sign the letter or the scholarship will be terminated after 60 days.

VI. ADMISSION

The scholarship recipient must apply to the institution with all the necessary transcripts and test scores on file with the Office of Admissions at Bethune Cookman University before the 60-day time limit for scholarship acceptance. ***If you are accepted after your audition date, please fax or email a copy of your acceptance letter to Mr. Donovan Wells or Ms. VJ Freeman (386) 481-2777; wellsd@cookman.edu or williamv@cookman.edu.***

PROSPECTIVE BAND STUDENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Office of Director of University Bands
BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114-3099
(Please Print or Type)

Name of Student _____
Last First Middle Age

Date of Birth _____ SS# _____ Male _____ Female _____

Home Address _____
No. & Street (apartment #) City State & zip

Home Phone () _____ Other Nos.() _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Name of High School _____
city, state, zip

High School Band Director _____ Date of Graduation _____

INTENDED MAJOR _____

I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED: Yes _____ No _____ **BCU Student ID#** _____

If you have not been accepted, have you started the application process? Yes _____ No _____

Expected Entry Date _____
Term Year

Band Kit Sizes: Warm-up _____ Shorts _____ T-Shirt _____ Spats _____ Gloves _____

MAJOR INSTRUMENT _____ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE _____

MINOR INSTRUMENT _____ YEARS OF EXPERIENCE _____

Do you own one or more instruments? _____ Yes _____ No. If yes, please list them below:

Please complete and return even if you have or have not been accepted for admission to Bethune Cookman University, so that you can be included on our roster. *If you are accepted after your audition date, please fax a copy of your acceptance letter to Mr. Donovan Wells or Ms. VJ Freeman (386) 481-2777.*

GPA _____ ACT _____ SAT _____ SCHOLARSHIP _____ per year

Audition Date _____

E-mail Address _____

Print clearly

BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY

Band Director's Recommendation Form

SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE () _____ FAX () _____

BAND DIRECTOR _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

STUDENT NAME _____ INSTRUMENT _____

Please rate the student applicant in each of the following areas on a scale of 1-5 with (5) being the highest rating.

Musicianship _____ Responsibility _____ Punctuality _____

Academics _____ Leadership _____ Self-Control _____

Teamwork _____ Character _____ Self-Esteem _____

Practice Habits _____ Maturity _____ Initiative _____

Reaction to Criticism _____ Physical Health _____ Adapting to Change _____

COMMENTS

Please use the space provided for any further comments that will aid in accurately evaluating this applicant.

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Bethune-Cookman University

Marching Wildcats

Medical History Form

NAME _____ SEX _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PARENT(S) _____ PHONE () _____

HEALTH INSURANCE _____

Provide a front/back copy of your health insurance card

FAMILY DOCTOR _____

PHONE () _____ FAX () _____

DISEASE (**Brief History**) _____

INJURY(s) (**Brief History**) _____

MEDICATION(s) (**please give name & dosage**) _____

ALLERGIES _____

DISCLAIMER: I acknowledge that all the information is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. Band membership/scholarship is contingent upon being able to perform both musically, and physically per band policies. I recognize that any falsification of medical information will jeopardize my band membership/scholarship.

Print Student Name: _____ BCU ID# _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____