

2026 Wind Audition Information



Step 1: Intent Form

- If you have not already done so, please fill out the 2026 Pride of the Mountains [Intent Form](#)
- When you are ready, you will submit your audition videos [HERE](#).

Step 2: Join your section's 2026 Facebook Interest Group

These groups serve as a place for you to ask questions of section leaders, get input, and learn more about the process and about WCU. [Reference videos to assist with your audition will be posted to these groups!](#)

Flute/Piccolo Group	Clarinet Group	Alto Saxophone Group
Low Reed Group	Trumpet Group	Mellophone Group
Trombone Group	Baritone/Euphonium Group	Tuba Group

Step 3: Prepare to Record your Audition

- Audition music is available [here](#).
- Instructions on how to upload videos to YouTube can be found [here](#).
- Instructions on how to upload videos to Vimeo can be found [here](#).
- You can record all music components in one video or multiple videos. If multiple videos paste all links into the music box on the submission form.

Step 4: Music Audition (Memorized)

- Part 1: "Full Range" Chromatic Scale
Play a minimum of two octaves from the lowest notes you can comfortably to the highest note you can comfortably.

Note: You may improve your score by demonstrating greater range and faster speed, but do not compromise pitch accuracy.

- Part 2: [WCU Fight Song](#)
- Part 3: [WCU Star Spangled Banner](#)

Music Audition Video Instructions:

- Your music must be memorized so please position your camera in such a way that will illustrate that you are not reading any music (behind you or to the side).
- Double check your pitches to ensure that you are playing the correct notes from the printed page as this is the version we will evaluate/reference.
- Use allotted tempo markings and recordings to determine appropriate tempos for the excerpts.

- **Part Assignment:** If you play an instrument with a split part, please plan to play the part that you are most comfortable/familiar performing. This audition is used to adjudicate accuracy, quality of sound, tempo control, and general musicianship characteristics (phrasing, articulation, dynamics).

Step 5: Visual Audition

- Left box (Playing your choice of a Concert F or Bb major scale in half notes, repeating the top note)
 - 8 counts forward
 - 8 counts left (forward slide)
 - 8 counts backwards
 - 8 counts right (backward slide)
- Mark Time 8 Counts
- Right box (Repeat playing assignment from the first box)
 - 8 counts forward
 - 8 counts right (forward slide)
 - 8 counts backwards
 - 8 counts left (backward slide)
- Close your feet

Visual Audition Video Instructions

- Filmed front view in landscape mode (horizontal).
- Make sure you have good lighting, proper shoes, and athletic attire.
- Be sure we can see your **entire body** throughout the audition
- Use a field or parking lot with **enough space to do a proper 8 to 5 step** (e.g. NOT in a living room, other confined space, etc.). A confined space will **NOT** allow for the proper step size or technique display, and *may affect your audition results*.

Reference Video

Step 6: Submit

- When you are ready, you will submit your audition videos [HERE](#).
- Audition submissions are open March 1st-April 30th. We anticipate releasing results the week of May 8th.
- NEW Woodwind and brass players who are selected for membership in Pride of the Mountains, will attend our “Whee March” rehearsal on Wednesday, June 10, 2020. This event is for NEW MEMBERS and members of the Leadership Team!
- Once accepted into the Pride of the Mountains, the evaluation process continues. ALL woodwind and brass members who are accepted into the band will perform in the Pre-Game show. However, some members will begin the halftime show as “Alternates.” These members will not march in Part 1 but will be added in subsequent parts of the show. The decision of who will be selected as alternates will be determined by the original video audition placements as well as in person observations during the first few days of band camp.

Questions: You can direct questions to your section leaders via the Facebook Groups, or you can reach out via email: potminfo@wcu.edu