

**Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association  
2021-2022 High School Honor Band Festival**

**Northwest Iowa High School Honor Band Committee**

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Here is the information needed to get your students involved in the Northwest Iowa High School Honor Band.

**Nominations:**

The nomination form is available on the NWIBA website. Please read the instructions before filling it out.

It can be accessed here as well: [2021-22 High School Honor Band Audition Registration](#)

**\* Entries must be sent electronically to the nominations chair. Entries must be received by October 8<sup>th</sup> with a late-fee deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup>. Checks must be received by November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**\* Entries received after October 8<sup>th</sup> but before October 15<sup>th</sup> will be \$5 plus the late entry fee of \$5 per entry, maximum \$50 penalty. Once again, all checks must be received by November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**\* There will be NO entries accepted after October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

You may nominate as many students as you feel are capable of the audition requirements. All nominees will receive an audition time. However, not all students who audition will be selected to participate in the Honor Band. After your nominations are received, the committee will assign a center and time for each student and send the form back to you with detailed information about the audition day.

**Nomination Fees: \$5.00 per student nominated.** This is the only fee to be paid throughout the Honor Band process. (Unless a school's nomination forms are received after the due date or the check is received after the due date, which the proper penalty will be assessed.)

**PLEASE NOTE: All directors must have their IBA and NWIBA dues paid before any of their students can participate. Those without dues paid will not have their students assigned.**

**Audition Day:**

The auditions will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Storm Lake High School. Times of auditions will be assigned after your nominations have been received. Please be aware that this is the same day as the Northwest Iowa Junior High Honor Band Festival.

**Audition Materials:** All audition requirements are listed on the NWIBA website. Please examine them carefully before making your nominations.

Students may audition by videotape. A student's taped audition must be continuous (no breaks), and all scales/assigned etudes must be performed. Students auditioning by videotape cannot be placed 1<sup>st</sup> chair in their section. Videotapes cannot be shoe-ins. Videotapes need to be brought to a committee member 1<sup>st</sup> thing on audition day.

Directors have the option of electing a "shoe-in." This is an option as we want all NWIBA schools sending students to audition to be represented at this festival. You may designate one student as a "shoe in," to be added to the festival band if none of your students are selected through the audition process. **All shoe-ins must be declared in the audition headquarters by the time your 1<sup>st</sup> student auditions for the day. Students playing double reeds, alto saxophone, string bass, or percussion are not eligible for a "shoe in" position.**

Students selected to the honor band will receive their music on audition day. **It is then the responsibility of the student and their director to prepare the music before the January 8 festival.**

## **Northwest Iowa Honors Orchestra**

Date for the Honor Orchestra Festival in Orange City is **January 27, 2021**

On the Honor Band wind and percussion ballot there is a box that students may check if they would like their Honor Band audition to DOUBLE as their Honor Orchestra audition. The NWI Honor Orchestra needs excellent wind and percussion players to participate in their January concert. Depending on exactly which instruments are needed, the top scoring students at Honor Band auditions who **check the box** on their audition form will be contacted and invited to attend NWI Honor Orchestra. This event is approximately 15 years old and is a great experience for wind and percussion players. FYI, the string players are also chosen through an audition process.

If you have any questions, please contact Lyle Van Ravenswaay at [lyle.vanravenswaay@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:lyle.vanravenswaay@westernchristianhs.com)."

If you have any other questions, please e-mail Drew Balta at [dbalta@wlwildcats.org](mailto:dbalta@wlwildcats.org)

### **Important Dates**

Please mark these dates on your calendar and school calendar today!

October 9, 2021—**ELECTRONIC** nomination deadline date

**November 5, 2021 – Checks must be received.**

November 6, 2021 -- auditions at Storm Lake Middle School, 1811 Hyland Drive

January 8, 2022 -- festival date, Eppley Auditorium, Morningside College, Sioux City

### **Instrumentation**

The instrumentation for each of the two equal honor bands will approximately be:

10 flutes/piccolos (5-5)	6 alto saxophones
3 oboes	2 tenor saxophones
3 bassoons	2 bari saxophones
18 Bb Soprano Clarinets (3-6-9)	10 trumpets (3-3-4)
1 Eb Alto Clarinets	8 horns (2-2-2-2)
2 Bb Bass Clarinets	10 trombones (3-3-4)
1 Contra Bass Clarinets	4 baritone horn/euphonium
1 String Bass	4 tubas
	# of percussionists may vary determined by needs of music

Exact instrumentation for each band will be determined by committee members based on the pieces being performed on the festival concert.

All percussionists must audition on snare, mallets, and timpani.

## NWIBA High School Honor Band Festival Directors

Dr. Kevin Kessler – Director of Athletic Bands at South Dakota State University

Dr. Angela Holt – Director of Bands at Northwestern College

### Music Red Band

Jumpstart! – Carol Brittin Chambers

Dusk – Steven Bryant

Hounds of Spring – Alfred Reed

South Dakota State College March – Karl King

### Music Blue Band

The Crosley March – Henry Filmore

Lightning Field – John Mackey

Only Light – Aaron Perrine

El Camino Real – Alfred Reed

### **Festival Day Information**

The High School Honor Band Festival will be held on January 8, 2022 in Sioux City at the Eppley Auditorium on the campus of Morningside College. Make sure that you are prepared for a full day of playing and performing. Here is the schedule for January 8:

#### Kessler's Band (Red Band)

9:30 Full band rehearsal in auditorium

10:40 break

10:50 rehearse in auditorium

12:00 lunch

1:30 rehearse in room 100

3:00 break

3:10 rehearse in room 100

4:30 dinner break

Leave all instruments/music/stands in room 100

6:30 tune up in room 100

6:50 move to auditorium reserved seats with music & instruments

#### Holt's Band (Blue Band)

9:30 rehearse in room 100

10:30 break

10:40 rehearse in room 100

12:00 lunch

1:30 rehearse in auditorium

3:10 break

3:20 rehearse in auditorium

4:30 dinner break

Leave all stands on stage. Leave instruments & cases back stage.

6:30 be on stage, ready to tune

7:00 Concert

# 2022 NWIBA High School Honor Band Audition Entry Fees Form

**Audition entry fees check/cash must be received on/before November 5, 2021.**

SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL MAIL ADDRESS

Street/PO \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## **AUDITION ENTRY FEE**

\_\_\_\_\_ STUDENTS @ \$5.00 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

PRINT A COPY OF THIS FORM

GIVE TO YOUR DISTRICT'S ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT FOR PAYMENT

Make check payable to: Colleen Hecht, Treasurer-NWIBA

**Mail** this form along with entry fees to:

Colleen Hecht, NWIBA Treasurer  
205 S Clark St  
Newell, IA 50568