

United States Navy Fleet Bands



Career Information:

Through the power of live music, Navy musicians forge lasting relationships with audiences worldwide. Our highly experienced professionals serve as diplomatic musical ambassadors who use their talent and skills to inspire patriotism and connect their audiences to the United States Navy.

We present about 6,000 performances annually in the form of public concerts, international and regional tours, parades, educational engagements, TV appearances, and military ceremonies. Our listeners include people from all walks of life such as foreign dignitaries, military officials, and general public spectators.

Performing ensembles in our bands include chamber groups (brass and woodwind quintets), commercial groups (popular music groups, New Orleans-style brass bands, jazz combos/ensembles), classically oriented groups (concert, ceremonial, and parade bands), and more. Our musicians are expected to maintain and showcase their versatility through their ability to perform in many different groups and styles.

The Fleet Bands are located in nine different regions around the world, and as a Fleet Musician, you will begin your career stationed at one of these bands: **San Diego, CA; Silverdale, WA; Great Lakes, IL; Newport, RI; Norfolk, VA; Jacksonville, FL; Pearl Harbor, HI; Yokosuka, Japan; or Naples, Italy.**

Enlisting as a Navy MU opens the door to many benefits and incentives including:

- College Loan Repayment Program up to \$65k for federal student loans**
- Full medical and dental coverage**
- 30 days paid vacation annually**
- GI Bill and education benefits**
- Lifetime Pension & Healthcare upon Retirement (minimum 20 years of service)**

Auditions for U.S. Navy Fleet Bands are held in Millington, TN on a rolling basis and are determined by projected vacancies. We announce upcoming opportunities on our website, through social media, and on common audition announcement platforms (such as Musical Chairs and Audition Café). It is recommended that candidates audition for the music program prior to enlisting in the Navy.

To be eligible to join Navy Music, a candidate must demonstrate a professional level of performance in their audition and must be able to meet all of the U.S. Navy enlistment eligibility requirements. These requirements include strict height and weight standards in addition to successful completion of a background check and a medical/health screening. Candidates who are not a citizen of the United States must possess a valid green card with no stipulations. The current enlistment age range is 17-41 years old. Waivers are granted on a case-by-case basis and candidates are encouraged to explore their eligibility even if they think they may not qualify. **The Navy does not discriminate against people based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or sexual orientation.** One of our greatest strengths is our diverse, inclusive, and equitable culture.

For more information about U.S. Navy Fleet Bands, please contact the Auditions Team at navymusicauditions@us.navy.mil or (901) 874-4316; and visit our website at www.navyband.navy.mil/career-opportunities/feelt-band-auditions.

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Guitar Audition Procedure:

Navy Fleet Bands are seeking versatile musicians capable of playing in a wide range of musical styles at the highest professional standards. Our auditions are designed to reflect the variety of repertoire musicians are likely to perform in our ensembles.

Applicant must bring instrument(s), cables, pedals, copies of music, and backing tracks. U.S. Navy Fleet Bands will provide a small speaker for backing tracks and a PA speaker with XLR and 1/4" inputs for instrument amplification. Applicants may provide their own amplifiers if desired.

To reserve an audition spot, email your applicant fact sheet (enclosed) and one-page resume prior to the application deadline. You are encouraged to contact the Audition Team with questions or to resolve any scheduling and logistic concerns.

Email: NavyMusicAuditions@us.navy.mil
Phone: (901) 874-4316

Audition Requirements

Perform selections of your choosing in each style listed below. Selections 1-5 will be performed with a backing track (not provided by U.S. Navy Fleet Bands). Questions regarding song selection should be relayed to the Audition Team.

- 1. Current/Popular (one selection):** perform any hit song within the last 5 years
- 2. Country (one selection)**
- 3. R&B/Funk/Soul (one selection)**
- 4. Rock/Alternative (one selection)**
- 5. Jazz (two selections):** one swing and one Latin selection.
Perform 1 chorus playing the head, 1 chorus comping, and 1 chorus improvisation.
- 6. Feature Selection:** Select a solo of your choosing to demonstrate your strongest individual skills that may or may not have been displayed elsewhere in the audition.
- 7. Real-Time Preparation:** The Audition Panel will provide a listening example of a contemporary pop tune. You will be given 5 minutes to listen to the selection and devise your own guitar part, which you will be asked to perform after the listening period has elapsed.

Song Selection Considerations

- Prepare guitar parts as heard on original recordings.
- Account for multiple guitar parts and solo sections.
- Choose repertoire that demonstrates various techniques.
- Choose repertoire that displays the highest level of proficiency possible.

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APPLICANT FACT SHEET

Instrument/Voice:

First Name:	Middle Initial:	Last Name:	
Address:		City:	State:
Age:	Are you a United States Citizen? YES NO		
E-mail:		Phone:	

If offered a position, when would you be available to ship to boot camp?

How did you hear about Navy Music?		
Do you have prior U.S. Military service?	Are you currently on active duty or reserve status?	How long have you served?
YES NO	YES NO	Years _____ Months _____

If applicable, please include your branch of service, rank, duty station, and contract ending date:

Did the college loan repayment program influence your decision in applying for the Navy Music Program?	YES NO	If you are married, how many dependents do you have? (spouse and children)
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Please send your résumé and this completed fact sheet to the Audition Supervisor at:

E-MAIL: NavyMusicAuditions@us.navy.mil

MAIL: Audition Supervisor
Fleet Band Activities
5722 Integrity Drive BLDG 780
Millington, TN 38054

NOTE: E-mail is the preferred method for submitting your résumé and fact sheet.

Your name will be added to the audition list upon receipt of your résumé and fact sheet, and you will receive an e-mail confirming your appearance at the audition. If you are unable to attend or have further questions, please call (901) 874-4316 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. CST on weekdays.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

This statement is provided in compliance with the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) which requires Federal agencies to inform individuals who are requested to furnish personal information about themselves.

The information that will be requested from you in the selection process and personal interview is intended to provide a basis on which to evaluate your suitability to hold a position with the United States Navy Fleet Bands.

Signature:	Date:
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