

3 September 2025

Dear High School Directors:

It is our pleasure to announce our annual High School Honor Bands for 2025, a multi-day event held Thursday-Saturday November 20-22, 2025. The format of the event includes three full ensembles - one smaller, highly select group and 2 larger ability-tiered groups. All groups work closely with BGSU faculty, staff, students, and renowned guest clinicians.

The students will arrive at BGSU's Moore Musical Arts Center Kobacker Hall lobby in the afternoon on Thursday November 20 and will rehearse over the next two days culminating in a final concert on Saturday afternoon.

Each student will play a live audition, and information about this will be sent along with acceptance notifications. Based on auditions, students will be assigned to appropriate ensembles, and will work closely with BGSU faculty, students, and guest clinicians throughout the entire event. Our goal is to challenge everyone at an appropriate level and help ensure students have an enriching experience.

The cost of the clinic is \$210 for students reserving a hotel room, and \$125 for commuter students. All students will receive lunch and dinner in our modern food service facilities, snacks, and an honor band shirt to wear for the performance. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE on September 22, 2025** and we will notify all accepted students and directors via email on or before Sept. 29, 2025 **Please do not send payment until we send confirmation of which students are selected.** Payment information along with audition information, detailed itineraries and a link to a campus map will be sent electronically when we make the selection notifications.

TO NOMINATE YOUR STUDENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND, please use the nomination form attached. It is an interactive form, so please type the information so everything is legible. You can scan and submit the form via email to bgsubands@bgsu.edu which is preferred, or you can mail to us at: BGSU Bands, 1010 Moore Musical Arts Center, Bowling Green, OH 43403. If you will be sending via US Mail, please notify us via email so we can be on the lookout for them – we don't want to miss them in case they arrive after the deadline because of snail-mail timing.

Please do not nominate students that cannot commit to the entire event and final performance - starting with live placement auditions Thursday afternoon for every student and concluding with a Saturday afternoon concert.

We can't wait to have you and your students with us in November. Please return the nomination form as early as possible, but all nominations must be received **no later than September 22, 2025.**

Sincerely,
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