



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST (AMC)
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE CALIFORNIA

9 January 2016

The USAF Band of the Golden West
551 Waldron St, Bldg 240
Travis AFB, CA 94535

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the bass audition for The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West. This musical audition will be conducted in two parts: (a) an initial screening and selection by pre-recorded CD and (b) a live audition for those selected from the initial screening. Details concerning both CD submission and the live audition are attached. Please look over these requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to take the audition at this time. The following information outlines requirements and important dates:

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| February 22, 2016 | Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials (Demonstration CDs cannot be returned to applicant). |
| February 29, 2016 | Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is found musically qualified to participate in the live auditions. |
| April 22, 2016 | Live auditions at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA |

In addition to passing the musical audition, you must also meet other criteria in order to become a member of an Air Force Band. Before applying, carefully determine if you feel you meet the following Air Force eligibility requirements.

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| Age: | You must be able to enlist in the Air Force PRIOR to your 39 th birthday. |
| Weight: | Overweight individuals are prohibited from enlisting in the Air Force. A weight scale according to height is attached. |
| Medical: | Individuals must be qualified for worldwide duty. Chronic medical problems, congenital defects, etc., may be disqualifying factors. |
| Financial: | A severe financial problem could be a disqualifying factor. |
| Criminal: | A criminal record could be a disqualifying factor. |
| Citizenship: | You must be a natural born citizen, naturalized, or able to complete the naturalization process within four years. |

If you have any questions that pertain to the aforementioned eligibility requirements, please feel free to contact us. In order to attend the live audition, you must meet with the United States Air Force Recruiter in your area and be pre-qualified to attend basic training. Our office will initiate this visit after we find you musically qualified. You must return a memorandum from your recruiter visit to our office in order to attend the audition.

Thank you so much for contacting the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West regarding this upcoming audition. We hope you have a great experience during this process and wish you the best of luck. Please let me know if I can help you along in this process. You may contact the Band of the Golden West Auditions Coordinator directly at (707) 424 - 0230 or bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com if you have any additional questions.

Attachments:

1. Audition Process/Pre-Screen Requirements
2. Weight Limit Chart
3. 2016 Pay Charts: Basic Pay, BAS (food), BAH (housing)

The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA



UPRIGHT/ELECTRIC BASS AUDITION

Resumes and recordings must be delivered by February 22, 2016. Applicants who are considered qualified for the live audition will be contacted by the USAF Band auditions team and then by an Air Force recruiter to assess each applicant's eligibility to enlist in the Air Force. Once approved by the recruiter, applicants will receive an audition invitation letter. All invited candidates must be prepared to meet Air Force maximum allowable weight standards.

PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

1. Resume
2. Audio recordings to include:
 - 2-3 tracks featuring selections in varying styles (i.e. Pop/Rock, Funk, Fusion, R&B, Latin, Jazz) (Showcase your strengths while highlighting your versatility). Excerpts no longer than 5 minutes in length.
 - Jazz Standard of your choice played on upright bass, minimum 1 chorus of improvised solo
 - Band Excerpt: *1812 Solemn Overture* m. 34 - 77

All resumes and pre-screening materials must be received by February 22, 2016

Digital Packages (resume and .mp3 files) can be emailed to bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com

Send Resume and Recorded Materials to:

USAF Band of the Golden West
ATTN: Bass Audition
551 Waldron St Bldg 240
Travis AFB, CA 94535

Salary: \$42,000 - \$46,000 annually

Benefits: Full medical and dental benefits

30 days paid vacation per year

GI Bill for college up to \$80,000

Call Auditions Coordinator at 707-424-0230
or visit our website at www.bandofthegoldenwest.af.mil for further information.
The United States Air Force is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Demonstration CDs cannot be returned to applicant.

1812

PETER ILICH TCHAIKOVSKY, Op. 45
Transcribed by Kenneth Singleton

String Bass

Solemn Overture

Largo 22 23 11 36

1-22 23-33 *ff* 3 3 3

37 *mf* 3 3 *f* *sfz* *mf* 3 3

43 *f* *pizz.* *f* *f*

51 *f* *arco* *f* *cresc.*

58 **Poco più mosso**

57 *ff* *fff*

62 *ff*

67 *fff* *fff*

73 77 **Andante** 2 4 *sfz p*

81 6 8 10 12

91 *p* *mf* 96 **Allegro giusto** 2 *f*

3 3 3 96-97

BASIC PAY—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

| Grade | 2 or less | Over 2 | Over 3 | Over 4 | Over 6 | Over 8 | Over 10 | Over 12 | Over 14 | Over 16 | Over 18 |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| O-10 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| O-9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| O-8 | 9,946.20 | 10,272.00 | 10,488.30 | 10,548.60 | 10,818.60 | 11,269.20 | 11,373.90 | 11,802.00 | 11,924.70 | 12,293.40 | 12,827.10 |
| O-7 | 8,264.40 | 8,648.40 | 8,826.00 | 8,967.30 | 9,222.90 | 9,475.80 | 9,767.70 | 10,059.00 | 10,351.20 | 11,269.20 | 12,043.80 |
| O-6 | 6,267.00 | 6,885.30 | 7,337.10 | 7,337.10 | 7,365.00 | 7,680.90 | 7,722.30 | 7,722.30 | 8,161.20 | 8,937.00 | 9,392.70 |
| O-5 | 5,224.50 | 5,885.70 | 6,292.80 | 6,369.60 | 6,624.00 | 6,776.10 | 7,110.30 | 7,356.00 | 7,673.10 | 8,158.50 | 8,388.90 |
| O-4 | 4,507.80 | 5,218.20 | 5,566.50 | 5,643.90 | 5,967.00 | 6,313.80 | 6,745.80 | 7,081.50 | 7,314.90 | 7,449.30 | 7,526.70 |
| O-3 | 3,963.60 | 4,492.80 | 4,849.20 | 5,287.20 | 5,540.70 | 5,818.80 | 5,998.20 | 6,293.70 | 6,448.20 | 6,448.20 | 6,448.20 |
| O-2 | 3,424.50 | 3,900.30 | 4,491.90 | 4,643.70 | 4,739.40 | 4,739.40 | 4,739.40 | 4,739.40 | 4,739.40 | 4,739.40 | 4,739.40 |
| O-1 | 2,972.40 | 3,093.90 | 3,740.10 | 3,740.10 | 3,740.10 | 3,740.10 | 3,740.10 | 3,740.10 | 3,740.10 | 3,740.10 | 3,740.10 |
| O-3* | | | | 5,287.20 | 5,540.70 | 5,818.80 | 5,998.20 | 6,293.70 | 6,543.30 | 6,686.70 | 6,881.40 |
| O-2* | | | | 4,643.70 | 4,739.40 | 4,890.30 | 5,145.00 | 5,341.80 | 5,488.50 | 5,488.50 | 5,488.50 |
| O-1* | | | | 3,740.10 | 3,993.60 | 4,141.50 | 4,292.40 | 4,440.60 | 4,643.70 | 4,643.70 | 4,643.70 |
| W-5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| W-4 | 4,095.90 | 4,406.10 | 4,532.40 | 4,656.90 | 4,871.10 | 5,083.20 | 5,298.00 | 5,620.80 | 5,904.00 | 6,173.40 | 6,393.90 |
| W-3 | 3,740.40 | 3,896.40 | 4,056.30 | 4,108.80 | 4,276.20 | 4,605.90 | 4,949.10 | 5,110.80 | 5,297.70 | 5,490.30 | 5,836.50 |
| W-2 | 3,309.90 | 3,622.80 | 3,719.40 | 3,785.40 | 4,000.20 | 4,333.80 | 4,499.10 | 4,661.70 | 4,860.90 | 5,016.30 | 5,157.30 |
| W-1 | 2,905.50 | 3,218.10 | 3,302.10 | 3,479.70 | 3,690.00 | 3,999.60 | 4,144.20 | 4,346.10 | 4,545.00 | 4,701.60 | 4,845.30 |
| E-9 | | | | | | | 4,948.80 | 5,060.70 | 5,202.30 | 5,368.20 | 5,536.20 |
| E-8 | | | | | | 4,050.90 | 4,230.00 | 4,341.00 | 4,473.90 | 4,618.20 | 4,878.00 |
| E-7 | 2,816.10 | 3,073.50 | 3,191.40 | 3,347.10 | 3,468.90 | 3,678.00 | 3,795.60 | 4,004.70 | 4,178.70 | 4,297.50 | 4,423.80 |
| E-6 | 2,435.70 | 2,680.20 | 2,798.40 | 2,913.60 | 3,033.60 | 3,303.30 | 3,408.60 | 3,612.30 | 3,674.40 | 3,719.70 | 3,772.50 |
| E-5 | 2,231.40 | 2,381.40 | 2,496.60 | 2,614.20 | 2,797.80 | 2,989.80 | 3,147.60 | 3,166.20 | 3,166.20 | 3,166.20 | 3,166.20 |
| E-4 | 2,046.00 | 2,150.40 | 2,267.10 | 2,382.00 | 2,483.40 | 2,483.40 | 2,483.40 | 2,483.40 | 2,483.40 | 2,483.40 | 2,483.40 |
| E-3 | 1,847.10 | 1,963.20 | 2,082.00 | 2,082.00 | 2,082.00 | 2,082.00 | 2,082.00 | 2,082.00 | 2,082.00 | 2,082.00 | 2,082.00 |
| E-2 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 | 1,756.50 |
| E-1* | 1566.90 | | | | | | | | | | |

Notes:

1. Basic pay for an O-7 to O-10 is limited by Level II of the Executive Schedule which is **\$15,125.10**. Basic pay for O-6 and below is limited by Level V of the Executive Schedule in effect during 2016, which is **\$12,516.60**.
2. While serving as Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff/Vice Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff, Chief of Navy Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Army/Air Force Chief of Staff, Chief of the National Guard Bureau Commander of a unified or specified combatant command, basic pay is **\$21,147.30**. (See note 1 above).
3. Applicable to O-1 to O-3 with at least 4 years and 1 day of active duty or more than 1460 points as a warrant and/or enlisted member. See Department of Defense Financial Management Regulations for more detailed explanation on who is eligible for this special basic pay rate.
4. For the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the AF, Sergeant Major of the Army or Marine Corps or Senior Enlisted Advisor of the JCS, basic pay is **\$7,997.10**. Combat Zone Tax Exclusion for O-1 and above is based on this basic pay rate plus Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay which is \$225.00.
5. Applicable to E-1 with 4 months or more of active duty. Basic pay for an E-1 with less than 4 months of active duty is **\$1,449.00**.
6. Basic pay rate for Academy Cadets/Midshipmen and ROTC members/applicants is **\$1,040.70**.

2016 California BAH Rates

Basic Allowance for Housing:

MHA: CA036 – VALLEJO/TRAVIS AFB

| <i>Grade With Dependents</i> | <i>Without Dependents</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| E1 \$ 2010 | \$1659 |
| E2 \$ 2010 | \$1659 |
| E3 \$ 2010 | \$1659 |
| E4 \$ 2010 | \$1659 |

2016 Basic Allowance for Subsistence Rates (BAS)

Officers \$253.63

Enlisted \$368.29

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT STANDARDS

The Air Force does not offer a weight reduction program. Currently, all applicants must meet a weight requirement based on their height. Please refer to the table below.

| AIR FORCE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Height (inches) | Max Weight (lbs) |
| 58 | 131 |
| 59 | 136 |
| 60 | 141 |
| 61 | 145 |
| 62 | 150 |
| 63 | 155 |
| 64 | 160 |
| 65 | 165 |
| 66 | 170 |
| 67 | 175 |
| 68 | 180 |
| 69 | 186 |
| 70 | 191 |
| 71 | 197 |
| 72 | 202 |
| 73 | 208 |
| 74 | 214 |
| 75 | 220 |
| 76 | 225 |
| 77 | 231 |
| 78 | 237 |
| 79 | 244 |
| 80 | 250 |

