



NOVEMBER 21-23, 2019

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
November 1, 2019

We are thrilled to introduce the inaugural **Furman Honor Band Experience** to take place from Thursday, November 21 through Saturday November 23.

There are 2 distinct portions of this event:

1) An **Honor Concert Band** – this group will function much like a region band or all state band with chair placement auditions on Thursday afternoon, a Thursday evening rehearsal, attendance at the Furman University Symphonic Band Concert Thursday evening, rehearsals all day Friday, and a concert Friday evening.

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2) An **Honor Marching Band** – students will return to campus on Saturday morning for a rehearsal of marching band music, a brief outdoor rehearsal with Furman's Paladin Regiment Marching Band, and a halftime performance at the Furman vs Point football game!

ELIGIBILITY

Ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students are eligible. Band directors should recommend students across all 4 grade levels, as care will be taken in the selection process to include all grade levels. Over 200 invitations will be extended to students for participation in the inaugural 2019 **Furman University High School Honor Band Weekend**.

DIVISION OF ENSEMBLES

A pre-determined instrumentation for each concert ensemble will be used (please see the enclosed breakdown). Students will be seated based on chair placement auditions Thursday evening.

SELECTION PROCESS

Band directors may nominate up to 10% of their current enrollment for participation in our inaugural honor band. Priority for selection will be made as follows:

- 1) BAND DIRECTOR'S RANKED ORDER OF RECOMMENDATION
- 2) 2019 All-State Band students (seated)
- 3) Seniors with past experience at Furman Band / summer music camp events
- 4) ALL students with past experience at Furman band / summer music camp events
- 5) ALL students with positive band director recommendations

Given these selection criteria, we will make every attempt to take all seniors who apply to the **Furman High School Honor Band Weekend**. Heavy emphasis will be placed upon each director's ranking scale in making our preliminary selections – *please give this careful thought*. Obviously, any additional pertinent information will assist in the decision-making process. In order to have fair representation from all schools, we ask that you try to keep your number of nominees near **10%** of your program's total enrollment. Due to limited space, only the highest ranked 200 of total nominees will be selected for the concert band. However, **ALL STUDENTS WITH POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS** from their band directors will be selected to participate in the marching portion of the event.

BAND DIRECTORS

PLEASE PLAN to COMPLETE the FURMAN HONOR BAND NOMINATIONS web form.
Available October 15 at www.furman.edu/bands. Submission Deadline is November 1.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Cost: \$75 or \$45 depending on event participation

Upon notification of selection, there is a **\$75.00 non-refundable** participation fee for the entire weekend if the student elects to *participate in both the concert and the marching portions*. The \$75 fee covers Thursday dinner, Friday lunch, and Saturday lunch in addition to all instruction, admission to the Furman football game, a participation medal, and a shirt.

If the student elects to only participate in one or the other, concert or marching, then the fee is **\$45.00** (non-refundable). That fee covers Thursday dinner/Friday lunch for the concert event OR Saturday lunch/admission to the game for the marching event. The fee also covers all instruction, a participation medal, and a shirt for all participants.

Furman Honor Band CD's, DVD's, and photos will be available for purchase at the festival. Students are encouraged to participate in the entire Furman Honor Band Experience. However, students may also elect to participate in only the concert band or only the marching band experience.

Event Location: Furman University campus (McAlister Auditorium, Daniel Music Building, and Ellis Field / Paladin Stadium)

AUDITION MATERIAL

The audition is for concert participants only—there is no audition for the marching portion.

- 12 major scales and arpeggios (minimum 1 octave, extra credit given for 2 or 3 octaves) at a tempo of quarter note = 120 in eighth notes, preferred articulation is slurred ascending, and tongued descending
- The **TECHNICAL** exercise from the SC 2020 All-State requirements for the year.
- Sight-reading

**percussionists may audition on either snare, timpani, or keyboards, but more credit will be given to students who audition on 2 or more percussion instruments: The overall score will be a TOTAL of all three areas together. Students who demonstrate skills in all areas will receive more credit than students who only prepare one (or two) areas.

AUDITIONS will be **Thursday, November 21 from 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm.**

The first rehearsal will be held from 6-7:30 pm, and students will stay for the Furman Band Concert.

Directors, please contact Dr. Sue Samuels if you can help with auditions on Thursday!

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CONDUCTORS

Alfred Watkins, Director of Bands (retired) Lassiter High School, Marietta, Georgia

Leslie Gilreath (Furman '90), Director of Bands Summerville HS, Summerville, SC

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

1:00 PM-4:30 PM - AUDITIONS (DANIEL MUSIC BUILDING)
4:30 PM - DINNER (PROVIDED)
5:30 PM - MEETING/AUDITION RESULTS POSTED
6:00 PM - REHEARSAL
8:00 PM - FURMAN SYMPHONIC BAND PERFORMANCE
9:15 PM - DISMISSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:30 AM - CHECK IN (DANIEL MUSIC BUILDING)
9:00 AM - REHEARSAL
12:30 PM - LUNCH (PROVIDED)
1:30 PM - REHEARSAL
4:30 PM - DINNER ON OWN AND CHANGE INTO CONCERT ATTIRE
6:30 PM - REPORT TO WARM UP
7:30 PM - HONOR BANDS IN CONCERT!
9:30 PM - DISMISSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:30 AM - CHECK IN (DANIEL MUSIC BUILDING)
9:00 AM - MUSIC REHEARSAL
10:00 AM - MARCHING REHEARSAL WITH PALADIN REGIMENT
11:00 AM - LUNCH (PROVIDED)
1:00 PM - KICK OFF! FURMAN VS POINT
3:00 PM (APPROX) - STUDENTS DISMISSED AFTER HALFTIME BUT ARE WELCOME TO STAY THE ENTIRE GAME! (PICK-UP AT PALADIN STADIUM)

Event hosted by the
Furman University Bands

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