

# Texas Southern University

## University Bands

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### Audition Requirements

All Students must audition in order to participate in the Ocean of Soul Marching Band.  
Audition Requirements for participation are as follows:

#### Wind Players and Melodic Percussion

- 12 Major Scales (minimum 1 octave per scale, preferably 2 octaves or more per scale) at a walking tempo = 80bpm
- Prepared Piece - A Solo or Etude (lyrical or technical) that demonstrate the students level of musicianship
- Sight-Reading

#### Percussion Requirements

- Snare & Quint Players - 40 Basic Rudiments + Some Hybrid
- Tenor and Bass Drummers - 26 Essential Rudiments
- Cymbal Players - 13 Rudiments
- Prepared Piece - A Solo or Etude that demonstrate the students level of musicianship
- Sight-Reading

Students can audition live in person or live online via Skype, Facebook, or Face time (apple users).  
Audition tapes/videos are also accepted (you will still have to make appointment to do sight-reading).

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**University Band Scholarship Awards (New Effective 12.11.17)**

**Band scholarships are academic, talent and performance based.**

**Academic** - Students must be accepted into the university or meet the GPA/Test Score requirement to be accepted (2.5GPA + 17ACT or 820SAT - Reading and Math).

Student must maintain a 2.5 GPA and pass 24 or more credit hours each academic year in order to keep/renew the band scholarship. **Band students are also required to attend 10+ hours of study hall weekly and meet with private tutor(s).**

**Talent** - Students must complete a successful musical audition. Candidates must score 70 points or higher on the musical audition to qualify for band scholarship. Student must maintain a satisfactory level of musicianship each year of study at Texas Southern University.

**Performance** - Band Scholarships are performance-based meaning that students who receive them, in addition to maintaining the academic requirement to keep the scholarship, are require to attend music rehearsals and performances. The band rehearses 5 days a week during football season for 4 hours a day. In addition, the band performs and represents the university at home and away football games and a vast of performances on and off campus. These performances (especially during football + basketball seasons) often require students to give up their weekends to perform.

The Scholarship is renewable for 4 consecutive years.

**Scholarship Award amounts are determined by:**

1. Your admission status at the time of your audition/level of academic success GPA/TEST SCORES)
2. Your combined band audition score
  - Scales/Rudiments (up to 30pts)
  - Prepared Piece/Solo (up to 40pts)
  - Sight-Reading (up to 30pts).
3. The need of that particular instrument for the upcoming school year.
4. Your financial aid status once your FAFSA is completed.

## Scholarship Amounts

### General Band Scholarship Scale

Level	Amount	Criteria
T1	<b>up to \$4,000.00</b> per academic year	Admitted to TSU, Score 91-100pts or Higher on Band Audition
T2	<b>up to \$3,000.00</b> per academic year	Admitted to TSU, Score 81-90pts or Higher on Band Audition
T3	<b>up to \$2,000.00</b> per academic year	Admitted to TSU, Score 71-80pts or Higher on Band Audition

### Priority Band Scholarship Scale

Level	Amount	Criteria
T1	<b>up to \$6,000.00</b> per academic year	Admitted to TSU, Score 91-100pts or Higher on Band Audition
T2	<b>up to \$5,000.00</b> per academic year	Admitted to TSU, Score 81-90pts or Higher on Band Audition
T3	<b>up to \$4,000.00</b> per academic year	Admitted to TSU, Score 71-80pts or Higher on Band Audition

### Scholarship Letter Distribution

Official Scholarship Letters are distributed to respective band students beginning in April 2018. Students must be accepted into the university fully or conditionally. Students must also have their financial aid (FAFSA) completed in order to receive an official scholarship letter from the university.

**Priority Instruments** - instruments the band program is in need of for the upcoming school year.  
The instruments are: **Flute, Clarinets, and Saxophones.**

**Priority Students – Musicians with a 3.0 GPA or more and/or 20 or more on the ACT or SAT Equivalent.**

Students who score between 61-70 are welcome to participate but do not qualify for a band scholarship. Students will be asked to take an additional private lesson in order to develop more musical proficiency.

### **Out of State Students:**

Out of State Band Students that qualify for a band scholarship MAY also qualify for an out-of-state fee waiver. Waivers are very limited so we encourage out of state students to audition early.