



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
USAF HERITAGE OF AMERICA BAND
JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS, VIRGINIA**

12 October 2015

United States Air Force
Heritage of America Band
Attn: Staff Sergeant Ryan Rager
Auditions Coordinator
86 Hickory Street / Building 366
Langley Air Force Base, VA 23665

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for inquiring about auditioning for the vocalist position at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. This musical audition will be conducted in two parts: (a) an initial screening by pre-recorded audio or video CD/MP3/Dropbox/YouTube and (b) a live audition for those selected out of the initial screening. Details concerning both audio 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:

January 8, 2016	Deadline for receipt of all audition materials / resume. Demo CD/DVDs cannot be returned to applicant.
March 24, 2016	Live auditions at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

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:

Age:	You must be able to enlist in the Air Force PRIOR to your 39 th birthday.
Weight:	Over weight individuals are prohibited from enlisting in the Air Force. A weight scale according to height is attached. If you foresee having a problem in this area I can recommend various solutions.
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.
Prior Service:	Please contact if you are prior or sister service. We have some guidelines.

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If you have any questions that pertain to the aforementioned eligibility requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us. In order to attend the live audition, you must meet with the United States Air Force Recruiter in your area to be pre-qualified to attend basic training. Our office will initiate this visit after we find you musically qualified.

Thank you so much for contacting the United States Air Force Bands regarding our 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 with anything. Finally, please utilize “HOABAuditions@gmail.com” for your correspondence regarding the audition. The secure government e-mail server will reject and block most attachments (audio/video files, resume, etc). For additional information about the USAF Heritage of America Band, I encourage you to browse our social media pages and websites, listed below.

Sincerely,

RYAN RAGER, SSgt, USAF
NCOIC, Auditions

<http://www.HeritageOfAmericaBand.af.mil>

<http://www.Facebook.com/HeritageOfAmericaBand>

<http://www.YouTube.com/USAFHOAB>

Twitter: @AFHeritageBand



United States Air Force: Heritage of America Band Vocalist
[Soprano / Alto: Rock & Jazz emphasis]
Preliminary materials due January 8, 2016

****Resume**

Please include a professional resume outlining education, training, experience, skills, etc.

****National Anthem**

Perform the National Anthem (Star-Spangled Banner) as a single, unaccompanied track.

A sombering thought: Imagine that you are honoring a fallen veteran at a graveside memorial service for your rendition. Although we consistently perform at 'Major League' events, Air Force Vocalists sing a professional rendition with four-measure phrases, lacking unnecessary ornamentation and avoiding popular stylings.

****Rock / Pop Component**

Air Force vocalists will possess a high ability to perform with confidence and power to be the lead singer in a rock/cover band (which may include horns). Your audition demo should include a portion of the following songs. (You need not record the entire tune – each track should be ~60 seconds) Sing in a key that makes your voice sound good → this may not be the original key! *(You may use live band accompaniment, Karaoke tracks, solo piano, solo guitar... whatever you like – as long as your voice is prominent in the mix.)*

Pick 4 of the following 6 songs:

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| A) Don't Stop Believing (Journey) | B) Signed, Sealed, Delivered (Stevie Wonder) |
| C) Oh Darlin' (The Beatles) | D) Me & Bobby McGee (Janis Joplin) |
| E) Beast of Burden (Rolling Stones) | F) Folsom Prison Blues (Johnny Cash) |

And please include 1 song of your choosing:

- 6) **Applicant's Choice** (_____)

****Jazz Combo / Ensemble**

Air Force vocalists will possess a high ability to perform a small jazz combo or full big band. A quality demo will include a variety of jazz stylings and idioms and should include a portion of the following songs. (You need not record the entire tune – each track should be ~90 seconds) Sing in a key that makes your voice sound great. *(You may use live band accompaniment, Karaoke tracks, solo piano, solo guitar... whatever you like – as long as your voice is prominent in the mix.)*

Pick 2 of the following 4 songs:

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| A) A Tisket, A Tasket | B) All of Me |
| C) In A Sentimental Mood | D) What Is This Thing Called Love? |

And please include 1 song of your choosing:

- 9) **Applicant's Choice** (_____)



****Bonus Track**

Air Force vocalists have diverse backgrounds and musical training. If you have additional performance skills, please include a bonus track (no more than 5 minutes) displaying these skills. Examples can include (but not limited to):

*Opera / Classical (in any language)

*Accompanying your own vocals on piano, guitar or other chordal instrument

*Performing a popular piece of music in a language other than English

Sample Demo Tracking / Mp3 Labels

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| 1) | National Anthem | 01-National Anthem |
| 2) | Required Rock 1 of 4 | 02-Song Title |
| 3) | Required Rock 2 of 4 | 03-Song Title |
| 4) | Required Rock 3 of 4 | 04-Song Title |
| 5) | Required Rock 4 of 4 | 05- Song Title |
| 6) | _____ (applicant rock choice) | 06- Song Title |
| 7) | Required Jazz 1 of 2 | 07- Song Title |
| 8) | Required Jazz 2 of 2 | 08- Song Title |
| 9) | _____ (applicant jazz choice) | 09- Song Title |
| 10) | Guantanamera – traditional song performed in Spanish | 10- Song Title |

Please clearly label digital files or provide track listing if using a compact disc.

Please direct all questions, dropbox links, digital submissions and inquiries to

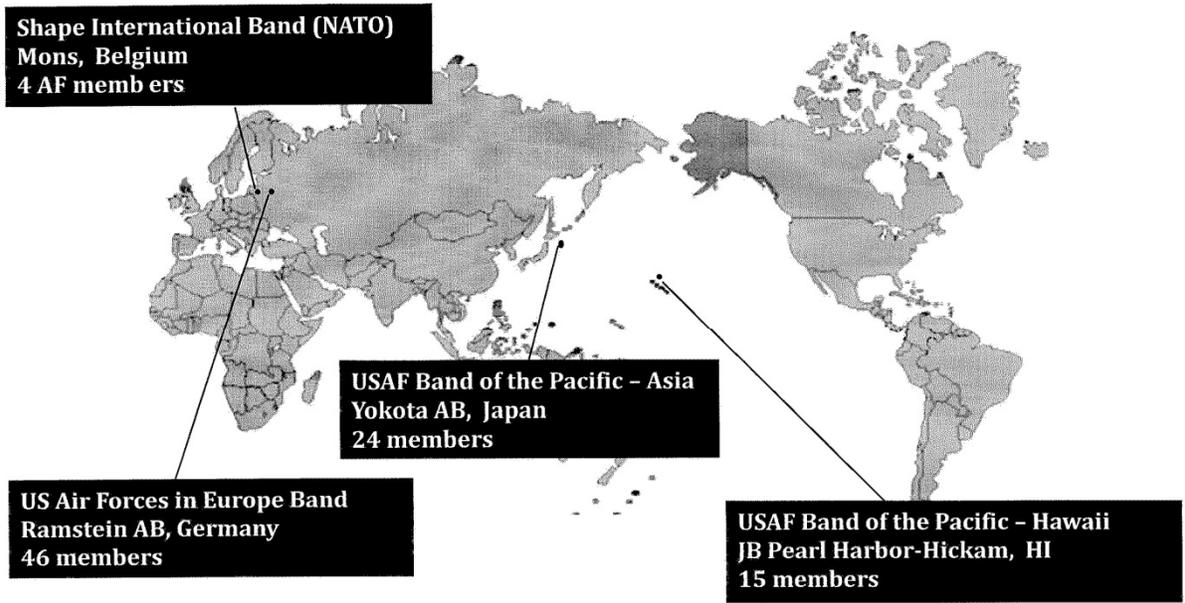
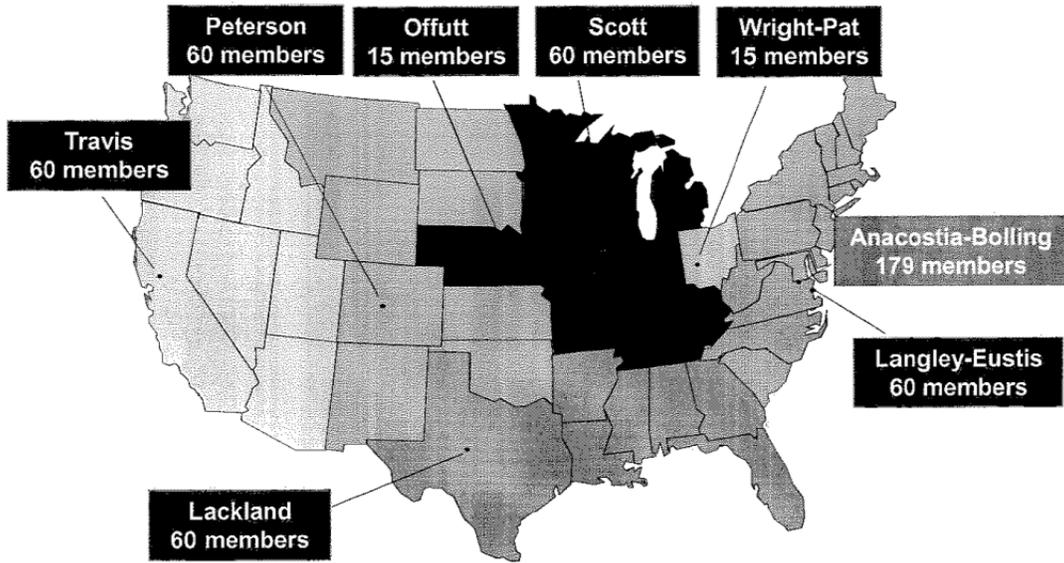
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AIR FORCE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS Male & Female

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





Pay Information

Basic Pay is the fundamental component of military pay. All members receive it and typically it is the largest component of a member's pay. A member's grade (usually the same as rank) and years of service determines the amount of basic pay received. Additional pay tables are provided on the following pages. NOTE: A musician entering the USAF band program with a college degree will likely enlist as at E3 (Airman First Class).

Basic Allowance for Housing (**BAH**) is a U.S. based allowance prescribed by geographic duty location, pay grade, and dependency status. It provides uniformed Service members equitable housing compensation based on housing costs in local civilian housing markets within the United States when government quarters are not provided.

Basic Allowance for Subsistence (**BAS**) is meant to offset costs for a member's meals. This allowance is based in the historic origins of the military in which the military provided room and board (or rations) as part of a member's pay. This allowance is not intended to offset the costs of meals for family members.

Yearly Pay Information @ Langley AFB, Virginia:

E1/no dependents: Base Salary (\$18,378) + BAH (\$12,384) + BAS (\$4290) = \$35,052

E1/w dependents: Base Salary (\$18,378) + BAH (\$16,488) + BAS (\$4290) = \$39,156

E3/no dependents: Base Salary (\$21,665) + BAH (\$12,384) + BAS (\$4290) = \$39,339

E3/w dependents: Base Salary (\$21,665) + BAH (\$16,488) + BAS (\$4290) = \$42,443

