

DRAKE UNIVERSITY
HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND FESTIVAL
DECEMBER 4-5, 2009
INFORMATION BULLETIN

PURPOSE

To provide an exceptional ensemble experience for high school students to perform under the baton of our nation's finest band conductors.

FESTIVAL LOCATION

All activities of the High School Honor Band will be conducted in the Drake University Fine Arts Center, located at Carpenter and Wifvat Plaza on the Drake campus.

ENSEMBLES

The festival features two distinct honors ensembles. Membership in the Honors Wind Ensemble is reserved for high school seniors and members of previous Iowa All-State bands. Membership in the Honors Concert Band is open to students of all grade levels and abilities.

ELIGIBILITY/ SELECTION PROCESS

High school students may, with the recommendation of their instrumental director, apply for membership in the Honor Band. **Deadline for application is Friday, November 13, 2009.** Applications will be accepted at a later date if openings exist in specific sections. Applications will be **reviewed on November 14th** and parts will be assigned following the recommendation of directors, wherever possible. Music will then be sent to each accepted member for practice prior to the festival.

REGISTRATION FEE

A registration fee of \$10.00 per student is payable upon arrival on campus. A registration desk will be located in the lobby of the Performing Arts Hall of the Fine Arts Center. Students are asked to register upon arrival between 8:00-10:00 a.m.

CHAIR AUDITIONS

Chair auditions will consist of performance of the Honor Band music sent to students. Passages utilized are left to the discretion of the auditioner.

REHEARSALS

All rehearsals are open to parents, directors and friends.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

High School Seniors who are members of the Drake University Honor Band are eligible to audition for music scholarships on Friday, December 4 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00. Auditions are restricted to those students who plan to attend Drake University. Auditionees will be asked to perform a solo of their choice for the Music Scholarship Committee. Scholarships will be offered on the basis of these auditions. Seniors wishing to audition for music scholarships should indicate their intention on their application form. It is desirable for participants to provide their own accompanists, however, students may perform solos unaccompanied when necessary. All qualified applicants will be offered scholarships regardless of financial need.