

December 3, 2018

Congratulations! Based on your application and your director's recommendation, you have been selected to participate in the Tenth Annual Auburn University Middle School Honor Band Festival. The Festival is sponsored by the Auburn University Bands and the Department of Music and will be held in Auburn the weekend of January 31 – February 2, 2019. The Festival will consist of three bands, one Symphonic and two Concert. We are very excited to announce that our featured guest conductor and clinician will be composer David Shaffer.

In order for you to participate in the Festival, we must receive your festival fee of \$65.00 by Friday, December 14, 2018. If we have not received your payment by December 14th, we will assume that you do not wish to participate in the Festival and another student will be chosen as a replacement. You may pay online by clicking the Festival Fee button on the AU Bands website, or pay by check if you prefer. Checks should be made out to AU Bands, and mailed to AU MS Honor Band, 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL, 36849.

Release Form: The Honor Band Release Form can be found at band.auburn.edu on the Middle School Honor Band page. **It is to be completed, signed by your parent or guardian, and mailed, emailed, or faxed to the AU Band Office.** The mailing address is AU MS Honor Band, 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL 36849. If mailed, release forms must be postmarked by Friday, December 14th, 2018. If you prefer email, please send a scanned copy to auhb@auburn.edu, or you may fax to 334-844-3170. Parents will be informed of any medical emergency and will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred. Students with special medical needs or problems should provide the Auburn University Band staff with a detailed written account. Auburn University is not liable in the event of an accident or personal injury.

Money: Your \$65.00 fee covers participation in the Festival only. Also included in that fee is a commemorative Festival T-Shirt and Festival medal. You should bring sufficient money for your hotel room, meals, snacks, souvenirs, etc. CD and DVD orders will be taken online following the festival. (No audio recording equipment will be allowed in the hall during the concert.)

Festival Finale Concert: The Festival will conclude by featuring all three Honor Bands in a Finale Concert in the Performing Arts Center on the campus of Auburn Junior High School at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2018. Prior to the concert, each participant will receive an award medal. Families, friends, and directors of participating students are encouraged to attend this concert. Admission is free.

Reminder: *Be sure that you pay the festival fee of \$65.00 by Friday, December 14, 2018. If you are unable to attend the Festival, please notify us immediately at auhb@auburn.edu so that we can offer the place reserved for you to someone else. (Registration fees cannot be refunded.)*

A tentative schedule, parking and hotel information, and the release form have been posted on our website. Please check your email, as we will email you reminders and additional information regarding the festival

We look forward to having you with us for the Tenth Annual Auburn University Middle School Honor Band Festival. We believe that it will be an enjoyable and rewarding weekend for everyone involved. If you have any questions, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Dr. Rick Good
Auburn University
Director of Bands

VERY IMPORTANT: *To participate in the Auburn Honor Band Festival, you must attend **ALL** of the festival rehearsals, clinics, master classes and concerts. If you have any conflict which would necessitate missing any part of the Honor Band Festival, you **MAY NOT** participate in the Festival.*