

Music Scholarship Audition and Application Instructions

About the scholarships

Northwest University is pleased to offer music scholarships to talented musicians for participation in a musical ensemble during enrollment. Scholarship amounts vary by instrument and ensemble at the discretion of Music Department faculty. Scholarships are renewable for a maximum of eight semesters when scholarship recipients remain in good standing with the University. To maintain the scholarship, recipients are required to successfully participate in at least one music ensemble as determined by department faculty for each semester enrolled. Additionally, instrumental scholarship recipients take private lessons on their scholarship instrument for each semester enrolled. Failure to meet these requirements may result in loss of scholarship. Students who choose not to audition for a music scholarship are still invited to audition for music ensembles at the beginning of the academic year.

Due to evolving COVID-19 circumstances, in-person auditions are subject to change. Students registered to audition will be notified in a timely manner of any change to dates, times, or requirements.

Audition overview

- Please dress in business-casual attire and come prepared to perform and to sight read/sight sing.
- Please **arrive at least 10 minutes early** to check in. There are practice rooms available on site for warming up.
- **Auditions typically last about 10 minutes** and will be with 1-2 music faculty members. Due to time constraints, auditions may be shorter, or faculty members may only ask to hear part of your prepared song(s).
- **Perform your instrument-specific requirements**, as detailed in the next section.
- Accompaniment is not required, but you are welcome to bring an accompanist, audition with a backing track, or, where applicable, accompany yourself. An accompanist will not be provided.
- The music faculty will ask to hear more about you and your musical background. There will also be opportunity for you to ask any questions you have of the faculty.

Instrumentalists

Applicants interested in Orchestra or Wind Ensemble (*all pianists and any rhythm instruments interested in Northwest Choralons, please see the following section*):

- Perform a solo of your choice (5 minutes maximum)
- Play the following scales (in your key; do not transpose to concert pitch):
 - Orchestral strings: 2 octave A Major, 2 octave A melodic minor
 - Woodwinds/Percussion*: 2 octave D Major, 2 octave D melodic minor
 - Brass (except French horn): 2 octave Bb Major, 2 octave Bb melodic minor
 - French horn: 2 octave G Major, 2 octave G melodic minor

**Percussion: access to a pitched instrument is preferred; please contact music@northwestu.edu if you would like access to a specific instrument for your audition.*

Pianists and rhythm instruments

If you're a pianist (all pianists) or are a rhythm instrument interested Northwest Choralons (worship choir):

- Perform a solo piece, showing technique and musicianship

Vocalists

- Perform a solo of your choice that demonstrates your vocal range and abilities (5 minutes maximum).

(For example: a contemplative hymn, upbeat gospel song, or a classical piece/hymn)

Questions? Please ask:
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