



The Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band

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Dear Band Director or Music Teacher,

We are happy to announce that student recommendations are now being accepted for the 2023–2024 Student Participation Program of the Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band (MACB). This program gives selected students the opportunity to rehearse and perform with MACB and learn from seasoned musicians and music educators.

MACB is a concert band of approximately 60 musicians led by three renowned Atlanta-area music educators: Mr. Curtis Byrdsong (principal associate director); Mr. Vanable H. Moody, Sr. (associate director); and Mr. Allen Ward, Jr. (associate director). The band is a family-oriented group of amateur and professional musicians from all walks of life and occupations.

MACB rehearses Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 pm, in the band room of Douglass High School, 225 Hamilton E. Holmes Dr. NW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30318. Visit www.MACBonline.org for more information about MACB.

Even though MACB was created for adult musicians, the band feels strongly about helping the next generation achieve their full music potential. Therefore, selected students are allowed to rehearse and perform with the band. These students gain knowledge from accomplished musicians and valuable experience from public performances with adults. Each student will have a band mentor to guide him or her. Please see the next page for a summary of rules for participation.

Most seasons, MACB presents a band scholarship award to a Student Participation Program senior who 1) has been accepted by an institution of higher learning and 2) has participated in the program for at least two seasons. Awards are based on the success of that season's fundraising.

Attached to this letter is a form on which you may nominate students you feel would benefit from this experience. We prefer recommendations of juniors or seniors, but exceptions may be made for younger students, as noted in the rules for participation. If we think one or more of your recommendations might be a good fit for MACB, we will contact you for more information.

If you have any questions, please email us at info@MACBonline.org. Thank you for any recommendations you may have.

Yours for a successful school year,

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MACB Student Participation Program Policies

ELIGIBILITY

- High school juniors and seniors aged 16 and older who
 - Can read and perform at least level 3 music, with capability to improve to level 4 or higher
 - Have transportation to and from rehearsals and performance venues
 - Student must sign in and out
 - Student must leave or be picked up when rehearsal/concert ends
- Exceptions may be made for high school students younger than age 16, as well as middle school students, who
 - Can read and perform at least level 3 music, with capability to improve to level 4 or higher
 - Are brought to rehearsals and concerts by a parent or guardian, or someone appointed by the parent or guardian
 - Student and parent/guardian must sign in and out
 - Student must be picked up when rehearsal/concert ends

In addition, students in middle school must have a parent or guardian or someone appointed by the parent or guardian remain in the rehearsal room or concert venue for as long as the student remains.

EXPECTATIONS

Program participants must

- Remain in good academic standing in school
- Demonstrate a high level of respect, pride, and achievement in school classes
- Demonstrate, through performance, mastery of repertoire studied in the community band, with emphasis on style, good tone production, dynamics, and musical interpretation
- Establish a regular home study regimen to help achieve objectives stated above
- Maintain an excellent attendance record at rehearsals and performances to the best of their ability

MENTORSHIP

Each participant will be assigned a MACB mentor to offer encouragement and assistance in making the experience musically challenging and academically sound.

After four rehearsals, and afterward as needed, the mentor will meet with the student and person who nominated the student (school band director, music teacher, etc.) to assess the student's progress and experience.



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**RECOMMENDATION FORM
MACB STUDENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**

Please print or type all information.

School Name (Enter “Homeschool” if Applicable) and City

Band Director/Music Teacher Name_____

Daytime Telephone Number_____

Mobile Number_____

Email Address_____

Please recommend 1–3 students, preferably junior or senior music students aged 16 or older, and check the following box:

I verify that the student(s) listed below are currently active in a school or private music program and meet the academic eligibility standards set forth by the school or homeschool program.

Name of Student	Grade Level and Age	Instrument(s)
1.		
2.		
3.		

For students under age 16, please attach justification, such as “student exhibits musical and emotional maturity and plays level 3 music with ease.”

To recommend your student(s), email this form to info@MACBonline.org.

Or mail it to:

**Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band
Student Participation Program
1568 Halisport Lake Dr. NW
Kennesaw, GA 30152**

**If you have any questions, please email info@MACBonline.org
or call MACB Associate Director Allen Ward at 404-754-8076.**



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