



# **Alberta Wind Symphony Information for Parents**

**Congratulations! Your child has been recommended by their music teacher/conductor to take part in the 2024 Alberta Wind Symphony (AWS) in Edmonton.**

**Preparatory Rehearsal  
September, 2024  
Red Deer**

**Residency and Concert  
October 23-26, 2024  
Edmonton**

The Alberta Wind Symphony is Alberta's honour band program for outstanding band students from across the province. One of the cornerstone programs of the Alberta Band Association, the Wind Symphony provides high school aged musicians the opportunity to work with some of Canada's finest concert band conductors, grow musically, and meet other musically vibrant instrumentalists.

AWS instrumentalists are selected by a panel of high school and university band specialists based on either a recorded audition or teacher recommendation and the responses provided on the Instrumentalist Questionnaires (attached). Once membership in the AWS has been established, parents/guardians will receive an email informing them as to whether their child has been selected for this year's ensemble. Instrumentalists who are not selected will be sent an encouraging letter congratulating them on their recommendation.

Parents of instrumentalists accepted into the Alberta Wind Symphony will be forwarded the link to an online registration form shortly after the membership roster has been announced.

**Instrumentalists selected for the 2024 Alberta Wind Symphony program will be expected to attend a preparatory rehearsal, in addition to the residency held October 23-26, 2024. The preparatory rehearsal will be located in Red Deer. The residency will take place in Edmonton, AB.**

**AWS Instrumentalists are required to attend all rehearsals. This will mean having to miss school.**

It is the expectation of AWS instrumentalists that they will practice with their music so that they will know all notes, rhythms, and fingerings prior to the preparatory rehearsal.

The fee to participate in the Alberta Wind Symphony is \$275. This includes a concert day lunch in addition to music rental, a commemorative t-shirt, and program fees. Please note that it **does not include accommodation or transportation.**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Alberta Band Association office by email ([info@albertabandassociation.com](mailto:info@albertabandassociation.com)). Thank you!



# Instrumentalist Questionnaire

**This form must be returned to your band teacher/conductor by May 17, 2024 or submitted via the online link found in the audition materials.**

Information collected on this form will be used solely for the Alberta Wind Symphony selection process.

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Instrumentalist Name                      Grade                      Instrument  
\*\*Percussionists should indicate if they play mallets, snare, and/or timpani

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Parent/Guardian Name                      Parent/Guardian Email Address

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Student Email Address                      Family Telephone Number

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Recommending School                      Music Teacher/Conductor Name

**Please list the bands in which you have played.**

**For how many years have you played in band?**

**Do you play any other musical instruments? Sing? Which instruments, and for how long?**

**Do you take private music lessons? What instruments and for how long?**

**I approve my child's audition for/recommendation to the Alberta Wind Symphony and understand that if selected, my child will be expected to participate in all components of the Wind Symphony program.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date