



Alberta Wind Symphony Information for Parents

Congratulations! Your child has been recommended by their music teacher/conductor to take part in the 2019 Alberta Wind Symphony (AWS) in Calgary.

**Preparatory Rehearsal
September/October, 2019**

**Residency and Concert
October 23-26, 2019**

The Alberta Wind Symphony is Alberta's honour band program for outstanding band students from across the province of Alberta. 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 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 2019 Alberta Wind Symphony program will be expected to attend a preparatory rehearsal at the end of September/beginning of October and the entire residency October 23-26. The exact date of the residency will be forwarded once the ensemble members have been selected.

The AWS residency takes place October 23-26 in Calgary. A special room rate at a hotel near the rehearsal and concert venues will be available for out-of-town families.

AWS Instrumentalists are required to attend all rehearsals. This will mean having to miss at least two days of 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.

This year's guest conductor is Mark Hopkins from Acadia University.

The fee to participate in the Alberta Wind Symphony is \$175. This includes two lunches in addition to music rental, a commemorative t-shirt, and program fees. Please note that it does not include accommodations or transportation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Alberta Band Association office by email (info@albertabandassociation.com) or by phone (780-800-0482 or toll free 1-877-687-4239). Thank you!



Instrumentalist Questionnaire

This form must be returned to your band teacher/conductor by April 26, 2019.

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

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

Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian Email Address

Student Email Address Family Telephone Number

Recommending School Music Teacher/Conductor Name

What other bands have you played in?

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 nomination 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.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date