



Youth Wind Symphony of Alberta

Information for Parents

Congratulations! Your child has been recommended by their music teacher/conductor to take part in the 2021-2022 Youth Wind Symphony of Alberta (YWS) in Red Deer.

**Preparatory Rehearsal
February 12, 2022**

**Residency and Concert
March 4-6, 2022**

The Youth Wind Symphony of Alberta 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.

YWS 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 YWS 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 Youth Wind Symphony of Alberta will be forwarded the link to an online registration form shortly after the membership roster has been announced.

Instrumentalists selected for the 2021-2022 Youth Wind Symphony of Alberta program will be expected to attend a preparatory rehearsal on Saturday, February 12 in addition to the residency held March 4-6, 2022. Both the rehearsal and the residency take place at Red Deer Polytechnic. The venue requires that all participants 12 years of age and older be able to show proof of vaccine, proof of medical exemption or proof of a negative rapid test done within 72 hours.

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

It is the expectation of YWS 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 Youth Wind Symphony of Alberta is \$250. 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). Thank you!



Instrumentalist Questionnaire

This form must be returned to your band teacher/conductor by December 1, 2021 or submitted via the online link found in the audition materials.

Information collected on this form will be used solely for the Youth Wind Symphony of Alberta 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

Can you provide proof of vaccination, medical exemption or a negative rapid test done within 72 hours?

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 Youth Wind Symphony of Alberta and understand that if selected, my child will be expected to participate in all components of the Wind Symphony program.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date