



UPRIGHT/ELECTRIC BASS VACANCY

The United States Naval Academy Band announces a vacancy for Upright/Electric Bass to perform with the Superintendent's Jazz Combo, Electric Brigade (Popular Music Group), and Concert Band. Applicants must demonstrate strong, versatile skills in the following areas:

- All popular musical styles including rock, pop, funk, country, R&B, Motown, etc.
- Jazz styles including swing, bossa nova, fusion, etc.
- Ability to read music and general knowledge of music theory.
- OPTIONAL: Although this position does not require vocal skills, the demonstration of the ability to perform background and/or lead vocals will be highly considered. Additionally, experience using synth/keyboard bass and proficiency with Ableton will be considered.

Bassists are required to perform on auxiliary percussion in the ceremonial and marching units (e.g. bass drum, cymbals). No experience in this role is required.

To be considered for an audition, applicants will submit a one-page resume and prescreening recordings to auditions@usna.edu by October 18, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Please see below for the prescreening audio requirements. All candidates will be notified of the results by the end of the day on October 19, 2026. The live audition will be held on November 16, 2026 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Materials for the live audition will be provided to those who advance through the prescreening.

All travel arrangements and expenses are the responsibility of the candidate. Active duty musicians from all branches of the U.S. military must also send a letter of endorsement from their commanding officer. Starting salary for a new member of the U.S. Naval Academy Band is \$77,748-85,272. Other benefits include 30 days paid leave annually, full medical coverage for members and their dependents, education tuition assistance, the GI Bill, and student loan repayment up to \$65,000.

Upon successful completion of recruit training, those selected for positions in the U.S. Naval Academy Band will enter at the pay grade of E-6 (Musician First Class) and will be contractually obligated for permanent assignment to the U.S. Naval Academy Band, Annapolis, MD. All applicants must be age 17 to 41 and otherwise qualified for service in the U.S. Navy. Please note that the Navy has strict requirements with regard to medical readiness and physical appearance. For more information, please contact auditions@usna.edu or visit us on the web at <https://usna.edu/USNABand>.

PREScreening REPERTOIRE

Prescreening materials will serve as a blind first round for the audition. Please submit audio only recordings that fit the following criteria by October 18, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Recordings should be submitted in a google drive folder (or similar) with each required selection clearly labeled. You are welcome to utilize live recordings, or prerecorded tracks. Only provide one selection per style.

Upright (arco optional)

- A. Swing:** demonstrate walking and solo over jazz standard repertoire
- B. Latin:** showcase ability utilize appropriate latin bass lines
- C. Ballad:** below 80bpm

Electric

- D. Funk:** incorporate slap
- E. Rock:** pick a rock song of your choice
- F. Pop:** pick a top 40 pop song of your choice

Optional

- G.** Up to four additional minutes of audio that demonstrate the applicant's strongest attributes and other skill sets, to include lead or background vocals and/or performance on other instruments.