

January 15, 2026

**Congratulations!** You have been selected to participate in the 35th Annual Auburn University High School Honor Band Festival. The Festival is sponsored by the Auburn University Bands and the Department of Music and will be held in Auburn the weekend of February 19 - 21, 2026. The Festival will consist of two bands: the Wind Ensemble, and the Symphonic Band. We are very excited to announce that our featured artists will be Chadwick Kamei, and Christopher Nelson.

**In order for you to participate in the Festival, we must receive your festival fee of \$65.00 by Monday, February 2. If we have not received your payment by February 2, and have not heard from you regarding your payment, we will assume that you do not wish to participate in the Festival and another student will be chosen as a replacement. You may pay online at the AU Bands [website](#). If you prefer to pay by check, please make it out to AU Bands, and mail to AU High School Honor Band, 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL 36849. Mailed checks must be postmarked by February 2.**

**Release Form:** The Honor Band Release Form can be found on the [High School Honor Band page](#). **It is to be completed online and signed by your parent or guardian. Release forms must be completed by Monday, February 2.** Parents will be informed of any medical emergency and will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred. Students with special needs of any kind should provide the Auburn University Band staff with detailed information so we can accommodate you.

**Money:** Your \$65.00 fee covers participation in the Festival. Also included in that fee is a commemorative Festival T-Shirt and Festival medal. You should bring sufficient money for your hotel room, meals, snacks, souvenirs, etc.

**Auditions:** Chair and ensemble placement will be determined by video audition. Audition excerpts and instructions will be emailed by Feb. 4.

**Festival Finale Concert:** The Festival will conclude by featuring both Honor Bands in a Finale Concert in the Gogue Performing Arts Center on the campus of Auburn University at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Families, friends, and directors of participating students are encouraged to attend this concert. Admission is free.

**Reminder:** *Be sure that you pay the fee of \$65.00 by Monday, February 2.* If you will be unable to attend the Festival, please notify us immediately at [auhb@auburn.edu](mailto:auhb@auburn.edu) so that we can offer your spot to another student. (Registration fees cannot be refunded.)

Plan to check in for the honor band at Goodwin Music Building between 2:00-2:30 on Thursday, Feb. 19th. Check our website and your email in the coming weeks for the final schedule, parking info, and other details. Final rosters and chair placements will be posted at the check-in site.

We look forward to having you with us for the 35th Annual Auburn University High School Honor Band Festival. We believe it will be an enjoyable and rewarding weekend for everyone involved. If you have any questions, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Good", written in a cursive style.

Dr. Rick Good  
Auburn University  
Director of Bands

**VERY IMPORTANT:** *To participate in the Auburn Honor Band Festival, you must attend **ALL** of the festival rehearsals, clinics, master classes and concerts. If you have any conflict which would necessitate missing any part of the Honor Band Festival, you **MAY NOT** participate in the Festival.*