



2023 SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH BAND Call for Nominations – Deadline Dec. 20, 2022

Dear Band Teachers,

In May 2023, the SBA hosts the National Youth Band of Canada (NYB). We are very pleased to offer younger dedicated band students in Saskatchewan a similar enrichment experience. The Saskatchewan Youth Band (SYB) will have a Junior level for **grade 7 & 8** students and an Intermediate level for **grade 9 & 10** students. Selected SYB participants will connect virtually with their Band Director and Sectional clinicians in advance of their intensive in-person program taking place on **Friday, March 17th and Saturday, March 18th, 2023** in Regina.

Please identify and nominate students from your band who are motivated, hard-working and looking to achieve a new level of musical excellence. As a province-wide program, all band directors are welcome to nominate deserving and interested students for the SYB. While space will be limited, we hope to have participation from around the province.

The Nomination Process:

For both the Junior and Intermediate Saskatchewan Youth Bands:

- Please nominate students from a variety of instrument sections.
- There is **no** limit to how many students you may recommend. Nominations **require the inclusion of a short audio audition** and both your nomination and the audition will be taken into consideration when selecting student participants.
- Although the planning committee will make every effort to accommodate all students recommended, due to space constraints and in consideration of the need for balanced instrumentation, all students recommended may not be selected to participate.
- Band director nominated students will be considered first. If required, a direct invitation to students and band families may be issued if additional participants on certain instruments are required.
- The Saskatchewan Youth Band Coordinator and committee will review all nominations and recordings. Final selections for the band are anticipated by mid to late January. The SYB committee will contact all students who have been selected to participate.
- There is **no cost** to nominate or to submit a student's audition. If you have a student you wish to nominate, but who may have financial challenges in participating if selected, please simply add a note as part of your submission. The SBA does have access to some limited funds to assist should the student be selected for the SYB.

Steps for Band Teachers:

1. Please complete the online teacher registration form. (one for **each** student being recommended)
 - a. [SYB - Junior Nomination Form](#)
 - b. [SYB - Intermediate Nomination Form](#)
2. Each student will need a short audio audition to be uploaded as part of the nomination. All audition requirements must be in **one** recording per student.
 - a. For Grades 7/8:

- i. Concert Bb Scale, Quarter Note = 120
 - ii. Concert Bb Scale in 3rds & Arpeggio, Quarter Note = 120
 - iii. Their favourite 16-measure tune that shows off their best playing ability
 - iv. For percussionists – 9-stroke roll study & concert Bb Scale, 3rds & Arpeggio on a keyboard/mallet instrument
 - b. For Grades 9/10:
 - i. Concert Bb Scale, Quarter Note = 120
 - ii. One octave chromatic scale, Quarter Note = 120
 - iii. Their favourite 16-measure tune that shows off their best playing ability
 - iv. For percussionists – 9-stroke roll study & concert Bb Scale, 3rds & Arpeggio on a keyboard/mallet instrument
3. The audio audition can be recorded on a phone or other accessible device – no specialized equipment is needed.
4. All nominations are due by **December 20th, 2022**.
5. While not required, **if you wish to notify the parents** of the students you are planning to nominate about your plans and the audition work, we have prepared a letter you are welcome to use. You can find the downloadable letter on the SBA website here: [Honour Band Information for Parents](#).

Please feel free to contact Saskatchewan Youth Band Coordinator, Chad Huel at youthbands@saskband.org or Robin Tinani at lessons@saskband.org should you have any further questions about the nomination process or the event.

We look forward to receiving your student recommendations by **December 20, 2022** and to having your students participate in the SYB program in March 2023.

Sincerely,
The Saskatchewan Youth Band Planning Committee