



Our Mission

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the Tidewater Winds 2025 Summer Season! The Mission of Tidewater Winds is to provide quality concert band programming in the Hampton Roads region. Through community partnerships and local initiatives, Tidewater Winds works to provide musical performances, special projects, and educational programming at the highest level of excellence. It is our charge to musically serve the Hampton Roads region while offering equity and inclusion to all audiences. We aim to encourage education, socialization, and unity through our musical programs.

Student Intern Program Information

Since 1985, Tidewater Winds has provided a valuable training platform for Tidewater's advanced student musicians through our Student Intern Program. This program provides an opportunity for students to gain professional performance experience during our summer season. Each student intern is paired with a professional musician to mentor them throughout their time with the "Winds." Student Interns are encouraged to seek advice/help with the music or any other aspect of playing with the band. At the end of the season, the student intern is evaluated on preparedness, musical ability, development, and progress within the group. These evaluations will then be made available to the student.

Application Process:

1. Applicants must be a member of the top All-District Concert or Symphonic Band, and/or a member of the All-Virginia Band, and currently enrolled in a public or private school band program.
2. Applicants must complete the enclosed Student Intern Registration form, complete with band director and parent signatures.
3. Applicants must have a signed recommendation from the band director or private teacher. Please make sure recommendations are submitted with this registration form.
4. All applicants must submit a headshot (professional-looking selfies are fine) by Sunday, May 18, 2025. Audition materials are available on the website TidewaterWinds.org. You can also scan the QR code at the bottom of the application.
5. If selected, each intern is required at the end of the season to provide a short essay recapping their experience as part of the Tidewater Winds ensemble.



How to Submit an Application

Please note that this application is for auditions only and does not guarantee a contract.

To submit a completed application, please email all materials (application, head shot, letters of recommendation) to our Personnel Manager (personnel@tidewaterwinds.org). Applications are due one week before the audition (May 12th). Applications submitted after the deadline of May 12th are not guaranteed an audition for the 2025 season. Incomplete applications will not be accepted (e.g. missing teacher recommendation, missing availability information, missing signatures). Once your application is reviewed, you will receive an email with your audition time on May 18. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your audition.

Audition Information

Audition materials can be found at <https://tidewaterwinds.org/auditions%2Fcareers>. Scroll to find your instrument and download the audition material. Bring your music and instrument to the audition; we will have a music stand for you. After your audition, you will receive an email indicating whether you won a spot with Tidewater Winds.

Per policy, you cannot perform that week if you cannot attend a rehearsal. There are no exceptions.

Please remember to consider your commute to each performance location. A 45-60 minute call time is encouraged, while a 30 minute call time is compulsory.

Again, we appreciate your interest in supporting Tidewater Winds' mission and our Student Intern Program. We look forward to hearing your audition! If you have any questions or concerns, please email our Personnel Manager at personnel@tidewaterwinds.org.



2025 Summer Season Intern Application

Name: _____ **Instrument(s):** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone number:** _____

School: _____ **Band Director:** _____

Band Director Signature: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Bio: _____

2025 Tentative Summer Schedule

July 3 Concert Band & Big Band Rehearsal
July 4 Concert Band & Big Band Performance

WEEK 1

July 7 Concert Band Rehearsal & Performance
July 8 Concert Band Performance
July 9 Concert Band Performance

WEEK 2

July 13 Concert Band Rehearsal & Performance
July 14 Concert Band Performance
July 15 Concert Band Performance

WEEK 3

July 21 Concert Band Rehearsal & Performance
July 22 Concert Band Performance
July 23 Concert Band Performance