

## ENTRY FORM

# MCC Highlands Young Band Festival

Music Department, McLennan Community College  
1400 College Drive, Waco, Texas 76708

*Festival Host: Dr. Brian Harris, Director of Bands, MCC*  
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School name: \_\_\_\_\_

School mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director/s name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Director's school phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the band (as to be announced on stage): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students in this band: \_\_\_\_\_ Due to stage limitations, large bands may need to be divided into two performing groups. If your group has more than 75 players, please contact the festival organizer to discuss this possibility.

### ***Entry Deadline:***

Entry Form and fee payment by check (\$150.00) must be received by **April 1**. If payment is made after this date, please add a \$25 late fee. **Make check payable to Waco Community Band.** No purchase orders accepted. Refunds are not possible. Mail check/form to: Brian Harris, McLennan Community College, 1400 College Drive, Waco, TX 76708. Once payment is received, you will be contacted to select a performance time from among the time slots available (pay early, get first choice!)

### About the Festival:

1. This festival is a non-competitive, comments-only, "let's show what we've learned all year" event for **young band students** (grades 5-8).
2. Each band will receive written comment sheets from two judges. Comments will address the entire time the band is within view/hearing of the judge. This includes the movement onto and off the stage, behavior and attention while on the stage, and (most importantly) the demonstrated grasp of proper playing fundamentals (posture, hand position, tone production, articulation accuracy, rhythmic control, etc.).  
*Note: ratings will **not** be given - only judge's comments.*
3. Bands will perform two pieces of the director's choice. While not required, it is highly recommended that beginner groups perform the "Highland Exam" as the first selection.
4. Each band will have 15 minutes\* for warm-up and a stage time\* not to exceed 8 minutes. Note: there will be no music stands nor percussion equipment in the warm-up room. \*Warm up and/or stage time may be reduced and/or changed if the band arrives late.
5. All bands will receive a trophy for participation and a DVD video recording of the on-stage performance (barring equipment malfunction).
6. Judges scores, while not required, must be provided by the director. Judge's scores for the Highland Exam will be provided by the host.
7. Approximately one week before the festival, directors will be emailed forms for the stage script, judge's commentary, and your seating diagram. These are to be completed and brought on the day of the festival.
8. Only the following percussion equipment will be provided: one concert bass drum, two timpani (26", 29"), one bell set, one xylophone, and a free-standing crash cymbal cradle (no cymbals provided!). Please bring your own sticks, mallets, beaters, snare drums and stands, additional bell sets (if needed), suspended cymbal and stand, triangle, crash cymbals, etc. A Percussion Organizer will assist your players in arranging the equipment on the stage as you warm up the rest of the band. No percussion equipment will be available in the warm-up room.
9. The performance will be held in the Performing Arts Center Theater on the MCC campus. This is a venue with very little acoustic reverb and seating for 350 listeners. Quiet parents and students are welcome.