



WSYO Youth Concert Band Application Information & Schedule

The Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras is expanding to create a new ensemble: the **Wichita Youth Concert Band**! The Wichita Youth Concert Band is open to middle school students in 6th – 8th grade with at least one year of band experience and/or private lessons, and there is **no audition necessary!** This ensemble will focus on supplementing band experience in a student's musical growth by rehearsing fundamental ensemble skills side by side with peers and prepares talents young musicians to advance into the Youth Wind Ensemble, Repertory Orchestra, and Youth Symphony.

The Wichita Youth Concert Band will be conducted by the one and only Mr. Erik Stone, recipient of the Wichita Public Schools 2023 Distinguished Classroom Teacher of the Year at the Middle School Level. We are very honored that Mr. Stone will be joining us to champion our new ensemble.

Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Duerksen Fine Arts Center at WSU beginning on March 18th.

Tuition is \$125, and need-based scholarships are available.

Membership Requirements:

- Must be in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade
- One year of band experience and/or private lessons
- An online application form. No audition!

Application Materials and Steps:

- A short online application form is required
- Once you submit your application, a Teacher Nomination Form will automatically be sent from us to your band director and/or private lessons teacher
- Applications will be viewed once both your form and the Teacher Nomination Form are submitted
- **Application Deadline: Friday, March 1st!**
- Click [here](#) to access the application form, or visit [Youth Orchestras & Ensembles | Wichita Symphony Orchestra](#)

*Admission to the Youth Concert Band is on a first come, first served basis. Don't hesitate to sign up before spots fill up! *



SCHEDULE

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: Room C104, Duerksen Fine Arts Center, WSU

Monday, March 18th – Orientation and First Rehearsal

Monday, March 25th – Rehearsal

Monday, April 1st – Rehearsal

Monday, April 8th – Rehearsal

Monday, April 15th – Rehearsal

TUESDAY, April 23rd – Dress Rehearsal

Monday April 29th – Concert, Miller Concert Hall, Duerksen Fine Arts Center

Monday, May 6th – Optional membership auditions for 2024-2025 WSYO season.