Western States Honor Orchestra is a major event held at UNC each fall sponsored by UNC String Faculty and Orchestras. High school string players from the western United States are invited to audition in order to participate. Successful applicants receive intensive orchestra training, attend master classes, and perform with renowned soloists and conductors over a three-day period.

Web Site: https://arts.unco.edu/music/festivals-workshops/honor-orchestra/

Audition Requirements: Audition materials are available on the web site. See their website for audition recording submission procedures. All audition recordings (mp3 files only) must be submitted via Dropbox by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 20, 2019. Auditions must be submitted online by your director electronically through Dropbox. In addition to the audition recording, a completed audition entry form and audition fee must also be submitted and received by September 20, 2019. Please note: There is a $30 audition fee which must accompany the audition entry form. The registration fee for the festival will be $55 if paid in advance or $60 if paid at registration. Registration fees are only to be paid after the student has been accepted. Please ask your students to check their schedules carefully. If they will be unable to attend any part of the festival (for ACT tests, for example), they should not apply – we ask this in order to maximize the experience for all those attending.

Rehearsals: November 7-9, 2019, Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley, CO

Concert: November 9, 2019, Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley, CO

Colorado All State Band

Web Site: https://arts.unco.edu/music/all-state/

Audition Requirements: Audition materials are available on our web site. Auditions will be held December 2-6, 2019 at nearby area high schools. A schedule will be announced in October 2018. A $25.00 fee will be charged for each auditioning student. The Symphonic Band is open to juniors and seniors only. The Concert Band is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Rehearsals: April 2-4, 2020, Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley, CO

Concert: April 4, 2020, Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley, CO

Colorado All State Orchestra

Web Site: http://www.coloradoallstateorchestra.org

Audition Requirements: Audition materials for strings are the same as the audition materials for Western States. Audition materials for winds, brass, and percussion are the same as the audition materials for All State Band. All State Orchestra also asks for a 2 1/2 minute solo that best demonstrates technical abilities. See Mr Cruse for audition packages. Auditions must be submitted online by your band or orchestra director electronically through Dropbox. CDs and mailed submissions are not accepted. The audition deadline is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 5:00 PM. An online registration form and student audition fees ($25 each student) must be completed later than November 12, 2019. Colorado All State Orchestra is open to students in grades 10-12. Any student participating in All-State Orchestra must be actively involved in the school's parallel musical organization at the time of audition and during second semester when All-State Orchestra takes place. A student must be academically eligible at the time of auditions for All-State Orchestra and must remain eligible throughout the time period in order to participate in All-State Orchestra. Students selected to perform with the Colorado All State Orchestra must attend all rehearsals and the performance. Check calendars carefully before auditioning. Being selected to All-State Orchestra is an honor. Students selected must attend all events.

Rehearsals: February 6-8, 2020, CSU Center for the Arts, Griffin Concert Hall, Ft Collins, CO

Concert: February 8, 2020, CSU Center for the Arts, Griffin Concert Hall, Ft Collins, CO

Colorado All State Jazz

Web Site: https://www.coloradobandmasters.org/jazz-band/

Audition Requirements: Auditions are open to all students grades 9-12. Students auditioning must be members of their school jazz program. Audition materials and procedures are available on the website. All audition MP3 recordings will be submitted through Dropbox. Directors are responsible for filling out the Director's Master Audition Form. No other form of communication will be accepted. A $25.00 audition fee (checks payable to CBA) must accompany Director's Master Audition Form. Entries must be recorded live with no editing. Mr. Cruse is responsible for checking all entries. All forms and fees/receipt must be POST MARKED by November 11, 2019 and RECEIVED NO LATER THAN November 15, 2019 to be considered. Each student selected must return the confirmation letter, medical form, and the $45.00 participation fee by December 16, 2019.

Rehearsals: January 23-25, 2020, CMEA Convention, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

Concert: January 25, 2020, CMEA Convention, Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO
CSU High School Honor Band

Web Site: https://music.colostate.edu/bands/honor-band/

Audition Requirements: Audition materials are an amended version of All State Band materials. See web site for audition form and procedures. Audition packages must be received no later than October 11, 2019. Audition requirements include a carefully completed application form, $10.00 non-refundable audition fee (checks payable to Colorado State University), and CD or MP3 recording. Open to any sophomore, junior, or senior students. Freshmen are not eligible. Students must also be actively involved with their high school’s parallel musical program. If selected, there is a $40.00 participation fee.

Rehearsals: December 12-14, 2019, CSU Center for the Arts, Griffin Concert Hall, Ft Collins, CO

Concert: December 14, 2019, CSU Center for the Arts, Griffin Concert Hall, Ft Collins, CO

CU High School Honor Band

Web Site: https://www.colorado.edu/music/ensembles/bands/high-school-honor-band-festival

Audition Requirements: See web site for audition information. Auditions are open to all students grades 9-12. Students can either submit an MP3 recording through CU's online application or they can complete a live audition at one of the regional audition sites. Regional auditions will be by appointment only; no drop-in auditions will be allowed. All online auditions must be received by December 5, 2019 at 4:00pm. Live audition dates are December 2-6, 2019 and location announced in the fall. There is no fee to audition; the cost to participate in the festival if selected is $35.00 per student.

Rehearsals: February 28 & 29, 2020, Macky Concert Hall, Boulder, CO

Concert: February 29, 2020, Macky Concert Hall, Boulder, CO

NOTE: For All County Orchestra, Band, and Jazz, see Mr. Cruse for any additional information on audition dates and requirements. Information below may change.

Jefferson All County Honor Orchestra

Audition Requirements: Audition music is an amended version of Western States/All State Orchestra audition music.

Auditions: November 12, 2019; 4:00 - 5:30pm @ Lakewood High School

Rehearsals: January 14 & 16, 2020, 5:00 - 8:30pm @ Lakewood High School

Concert: January 17, 2020, 7:30pm @ West Bowles Community Church, 12325 W Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO

Jefferson All County Honor Band/Jazz

Audition Requirements: Audition music is the same as All State Band.

Auditions: November 13, 2019, 4:00 - 5:30pm @ Bear Creek High School

Band Rehearsals: January 14 & 16, 2020, 5:00 - 8:30pm @ Dakota Ridge High School

Band Concert: January 17, 2020, 7:30pm @ West Bowles Community Church, 12325 W Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO

Jazz Rehearsals: April 7, 2020, 5:00 - 8:00pm & April 9, 2020, 8:00am - 5:00pm @ Alameda High School

Jazz Concert: April 9, 2020, 7:00pm @ Alameda High School

NOTE: Please check with Mr. Cruse and the honor ensembles’ website. Information above may change.