



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST (AMC)  
TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE CALIFORNIA

March 21, 2016

The USAF Band of the Golden West  
551 Waldron St, Bldg 240  
Travis AFB, CA 94535

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the trumpet audition for The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West. This musical audition will be conducted in two parts: (a) an initial screening and selection by pre-recorded CD and (b) a live audition for those selected from the initial screening. Details concerning both CD submission and the live audition are attached. Please look over these requirements carefully to determine if you are prepared to take the audition at this time. The following information outlines requirements and important dates:

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| May 1, 2016   | Deadline for receipt of all musical pre-screening materials. Demonstration CDs cannot be returned to applicant. |
| May 6, 2016   | Each candidate will be notified whether or not he/she is invited to participate in the live auditions.          |
| June 20, 2016 | Live auditions at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, CA  |

In addition to passing the musical audition, you must also meet other criteria in order to become a member of an Air Force Band. Before applying, carefully determine if you feel you meet the following Air Force eligibility requirements.

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| Age:         | You must be able to enlist in the Air Force PRIOR to your 39 <sup>th</sup> birthday.  |
| Weight:      | Overweight individuals are prohibited from enlisting in the Air Force. A weight scale according to height is attached.              |
| Medical:     | Individuals must be qualified for worldwide duty. Chronic medical problems, congenital defects, etc., may be disqualifying factors. |
| Financial:   | A severe financial problem could be a disqualifying factor.   |
| Criminal:    | A criminal record could be a disqualifying factor.  |
| Citizenship: | You must be a natural born citizen, naturalized, or able to complete the naturalization process within four years.                  |

If you have any questions that pertain to the aforementioned eligibility requirements, please feel free to contact us. In order to attend the live audition, you must meet with the United States Air Force Recruiter in your area and be pre-qualified to attend basic training. Our office will initiate this visit after we find you musically qualified. You must return a memorandum from your recruiter visit to our office in order to attend the audition.

Thank you so much for contacting the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West regarding this upcoming audition. We hope you have a great experience during this process and wish you the best of luck. Please let me know if I can help you along in this process. Contact me directly at [bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com](mailto:bandofthegoldenwestauditions@gmail.com) or (707) 424 - 0230 if you have any additional questions.

**Attachments:**

1. Audition Pre-Screen Requirements
2. USAF Weight Standards Chart
3. 2016 Pay Charts: Basic Pay, BAS (food), BAH (housing)

## BASIC PAY—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

Grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18
O-10											
O-9											
O-8	9,946.20	10,272.00	10,488.30	10,548.60	10,818.60	11,269.20	11,373.90	11,802.00	11,924.70	12,293.40	12,827.10
O-7	8,264.40	8,648.40	8,826.00	8,967.30	9,222.90	9,475.80	9,767.70	10,059.00	10,351.20	11,269.20	12,043.80
O-6	6,267.00	6,885.30	7,337.10	7,337.10	7,365.00	7,680.90	7,722.30	7,722.30	8,161.20	8,937.00	9,392.70
O-5	5,224.50	5,885.70	6,292.80	6,369.60	6,624.00	6,776.10	7,110.30	7,356.00	7,673.10	8,158.50	8,388.90
O-4	4,507.80	5,218.20	5,566.50	5,643.90	5,967.00	6,313.80	6,745.80	7,081.50	7,314.90	7,449.30	7,526.70
O-3	3,963.60	4,492.80	4,849.20	5,287.20	5,540.70	5,818.80	5,998.20	6,293.70	6,448.20	6,448.20	6,448.20
O-2	3,424.50	3,900.30	4,491.90	4,643.70	4,739.40	4,739.40	4,739.40	4,739.40	4,739.40	4,739.40	4,739.40
O-1	2,972.40	3,093.90	3,740.10	3,740.10	3,740.10	3,740.10	3,740.10	3,740.10	3,740.10	3,740.10	3,740.10
O-3*				5,287.20	5,540.70	5,818.80	5,998.20	6,293.70	6,543.30	6,686.70	6,881.40
O-2*				4,643.70	4,739.40	4,890.30	5,145.00	5,341.80	5,488.50	5,488.50	5,488.50
O-1*				3,740.10	3,993.60	4,141.50	4,292.40	4,440.60	4,643.70	4,643.70	4,643.70
W-5											
W-4	4,095.90	4,406.10	4,532.40	4,656.90	4,871.10	5,083.20	5,298.00	5,620.80	5,904.00	6,173.40	6,393.90
W-3	3,740.40	3,896.40	4,056.30	4,108.80	4,276.20	4,605.90	4,949.10	5,110.80	5,297.70	5,490.30	5,836.50
W-2	3,309.90	3,622.80	3,719.40	3,785.40	4,000.20	4,333.80	4,499.10	4,661.70	4,860.90	5,016.30	5,157.30
W-1	2,905.50	3,218.10	3,302.10	3,479.70	3,690.00	3,999.60	4,144.20	4,346.10	4,545.00	4,701.60	4,845.30
E-9							4,948.80	5,060.70	5,202.30	5,368.20	5,536.20
E-8						4,050.90	4,230.00	4,341.00	4,473.90	4,618.20	4,878.00
E-7	2,816.10	3,073.50	3,191.40	3,347.10	3,468.90	3,678.00	3,795.60	4,004.70	4,178.70	4,297.50	4,423.80
E-6	2,435.70	2,680.20	2,798.40	2,913.60	3,033.60	3,303.30	3,408.60	3,612.30	3,674.40	3,719.70	3,772.50
E-5	2,231.40	2,381.40	2,496.60	2,614.20	2,797.80	2,989.80	3,147.60	3,166.20	3,166.20	3,166.20	3,166.20
E-4	2,046.00	2,150.40	2,267.10	2,382.00	2,483.40	2,483.40	2,483.40	2,483.40	2,483.40	2,483.40	2,483.40
E-3	1,847.10	1,963.20	2,082.00	2,082.00	2,082.00	2,082.00	2,082.00	2,082.00	2,082.00	2,082.00	2,082.00
E-2	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50	1,756.50
E-1*	1566.90										

**Notes:**

- Basic pay for an O-7 to O-10 is limited by Level II of the Executive Schedule which is **\$15,125.10**. Basic pay for O-6 and below is limited by Level V of the Executive Schedule in effect during 2016, which is **\$12,516.60**.
- While serving as Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff/Vice Chairman, Joint Chief of Staff, Chief of Navy Operations, Commandant of the Marine Corps, Army/Air Force Chief of Staff, Chief of the National Guard Bureau Commander of a unified or specified combatant command, basic pay is **\$21,147.30**. (See note 1 above).
- Applicable to O-1 to O-3 with at least 4 years and 1 day of active duty or more than 1460 points as a warrant and/or enlisted member. See Department of Defense Financial Management Regulations for more detailed explanation on who is eligible for this special basic pay rate.
- For the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the AF, Sergeant Major of the Army or Marine Corps or Senior Enlisted Advisor of the JCS, basic pay is **\$7,997.10**. Combat Zone Tax Exclusion for O-1 and above is based on this basic pay rate plus Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay which is \$225.00.
- Applicable to E-1 with 4 months or more of active duty. Basic pay for an E-1 with less than 4 months of active duty is **\$1,449.00**.
- Basic pay rate for Academy Cadets/Midshipmen and ROTC members/applicants is **\$1,040.70**.

## **2016 California BAH Rates**

Basic Allowance for Housing:

MHA: CA036 – VALLEJO/TRAVIS AFB

<i>Grade With Dependents</i>	<i>Without Dependents</i>
E1 \$ 2010	\$1659
E2 \$ 2010	\$1659
E3 \$ 2010	\$1659
E4 \$ 2010	\$1659

## **2016 Basic Allowance for Subsistence Rates (BAS)**

Officers \$253.63

Enlisted \$368.29

# HEIGHT AND WEIGHT STANDARDS

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The Air Force does not offer a weight reduction program. Currently, all applicants must meet a weight requirement based on their height. Please refer to the table below.

<b>AIR FORCE WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS</b>	
Height (inches)	Max Weight (lbs)
58	131
59	136
60	141
61	145
62	150
63	155
64	160
65	165
66	170
67	175
68	180
69	186
70	191
71	197
72	202
73	208
74	214
75	220
76	225
77	231
78	237
79	244
80	250

