



Application Process

2017 – 2018 Season

FAME – Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education, Inc., invites middle and high school students who live and/or attend school in Prince George’s County Maryland to apply to its **FAME Jazz Band Program (FJBP)**. Home schooled students are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be committed to playing their musical instrument and performing jazz music. FJBP members receive year-round high caliber music instruction, academic and college prep instruction. They perform on major stages and participate in FAME’s signature music technology and enrichment programs at the University of Maryland College Park and other area venues. FAME’s overall goal is to bring a diverse group of talented students together to learn, practice and perform in a dynamic jazz band. This program is provided at no cost to participants.

The Artistic Director is international pianist, songwriter and composer **Nat Adderley, Jr.**; best known for his work as music director for music icon Luther Vandross. The Assistant Artistic Director is the esteemed educator and musician, **Dr. Clarence Knight**.

FAME is a tax-exempt nonprofit founded in 2004 to positively impact the lives of youth through access to quality music, education, programs, and experiences. Visit fameorg.org for additional information.

Applications must be submitted using the online form at www.famejazzband.org.

Timeline

- August 30: Application opens
- October 2: Application deadline (at 11:59 PM online or Postmarked)
- October 2: Teacher Recommendation deadline
- October 5: Applicants are notified of audition time
- October 7: Auditions

Instrumentation

The FAME Jazz Band Program is accepting applications for all standard jazz band instruments.

Application Fee

There is a \$50 application fee due along with your application. The fee is non-refundable. Payment may be made via major credit card, PayPal or check. See application for details.

APPLY

Online: www.FAMEmusic.org

Mail: FAME, ATTN: FAME Jazz Band Auditions, P O Box 2228, Bowie, MD



Application Requirements

- **Biographical Essay:** Describe your background and musical/educational experience, and address how participation in The FAME Jazz Band Program would help you achieve personal or artistic goals.
- **Personal Recommendations:** You are required to obtain a teacher recommendation/reference (music teacher or ensemble conductor(s) are preferred, others accepted). The teacher must complete the Teacher Recommendation form and submit it directly to FAME at info@famejazzband.org. The recommendation will address both your personal and musical qualities.

Audition Requirements

Applicants will audition with two songs – jazz or classical. Send charts (sheet music) with your application for any jazz tunes you wish to play. Selected songs should reflect a degree of proficiency that highlights your skill level. For jazz music, a pianist and/or bassist will be provided to play with you at the audition. For classical music, you should bring an accompanist with you (if needed).

Audition Preparation

- **Introduction:** Your introduction should include stating your name, school, instrument, city and the title of the solo works you have chosen.
- **Solo Works:** The solos may be any works of your choice, or a movement/section of longer works, provided they are each approximately three minutes in duration.
- **Personal Questions:** Be prepared to answer the following:
Who or what inspires you musically?
Complete this statement: “Music is _____”.

Eligibility

You must be a middle school or high school student who live and/or attend school in Prince George’s County Maryland. Home schooled students are also encouraged to apply.

Information & Questions

Visit www.FAMEmusic.org, Email info@famejazzband.org or Call 301-805-5358.