Congratulations! Based on your application and your director's recommendation, you have been selected to participate in the Eleventh Annual Auburn University Middle School Honor Band Festival. The Festival is sponsored by the Auburn University Bands and the Department of Music and will be held in Auburn the weekend of February 13-15, 2020. The Festival will consist of three bands, one Symphonic and two Concert. We are very excited to announce that our featured guest conductor and clinician will be composer Robert W. Smith.

In order for you to participate in the Festival, we must receive your festival fee of $65.00 by **Friday, December 20, 2019**. If we have not received your payment by December 20th, and have not heard from you regarding your payment, we will assume that you do not wish to participate in the Festival and another student will be chosen as a replacement. You may pay online by clicking the Festival Fee button on the AU Bands website, or pay by check if you prefer. Checks should be made out to AU Bands, and mailed to AU MS Honor Band, 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL, 36849 and should be postmarked by December 20th.

**Release Form:** The Honor Band Release Form can be found on the [Middle School Honor Band webpage](https://auburn.edu/bands). It is to be completed, signed by your parent or guardian, and mailed, emailed, or faxed to the AU Band Office. Please scan and email the signed form to **auhb@auburn.edu**, or mail it to AU MS Honor Band, 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn, AL 36849. If mailed, release forms must be postmarked by **Friday, December 20th, 2019**. Parents will be informed of any medical emergency and will be responsible for all medical expenses incurred. Students with special medical needs or problems should provide the Auburn University Band staff with a detailed written account. Auburn University is not liable in the event of an accident or personal injury.

**Money:** Your $65.00 fee covers participation in the Festival only. Also included in that fee is a commemorative Festival T-Shirt and Festival medal. You should bring sufficient money for your hotel room, meals, snacks, souvenirs, etc.

**Festival Finale Concert:** The Festival will conclude by featuring all three Honor Bands in a Finale Concert in the Gogue Performing Arts Center on the campus of Auburn University at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Families, friends, and directors of participating students are encouraged to attend this concert. Admission is free.

**Reminder:** Be sure that you pay the festival fee of $65.00 by **Friday, December 21, 2019**. If you are unable to attend the Festival, please notify us immediately at auhb@auburn.edu so that we can offer the place reserved for you to someone else. (Registration fees cannot be refunded.)

Check-in for the honor band will be at Goodwin Music Building between 2:30 – 3:00pm on Thursday, February 13th, 2020. Check our website and your email in the coming days and weeks for audition information, final schedule, and other details.

We look forward to having you with us for the Eleventh Annual Auburn University Middle School Honor Band Festival. We believe that it will be an enjoyable and rewarding weekend for everyone involved. If you have any questions, or if we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rick Good
Auburn University
Director of Bands

**VERY IMPORTANT:** To participate in the Auburn Honor Band Festival, you must attend **ALL** of the festival rehearsals, clinics, master classes and concerts. If you have any conflict which would necessitate missing any part of the Honor Band Festival, you **MAY NOT** participate in the Festival.