2027 KALAMAZOO CONCERT BAND YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION
REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

1. Any High School wind or percussion player in the state of Michigan is eligible to compete in the Youth Soloist Competition.

2. The music performed should be between 3 and 8 minutes in length and **must** be the solo you would perform with the KCB if you are the winner of the Youth Soloist Competition. **THE SOLO MUST HAVE A BAND ACCOMPANIMENT PUBLISHED AND CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR THE KCB TO USE WITH YOUR PERFORMANCE.** The KCB will purchase, rent or borrow the accompaniment with a cap of $300. Please take the time to check on this requirement with your Band Director or Private Lesson Teacher before you choose your solo! If you are participating in Solo and Ensemble Festival, you may want to choose a solo that is suited for both activities.

3. Solos are to be performed with a piano accompaniment, but do not need to be memorized for either the competition or the concert if you are chosen. You must provide your own accompanist and three copies of your solo with the measures numbered for the judges for the competition. The winner needs to be available for two regular rehearsals with the KCB at Kalamazoo Christian High School on Thursday, April 1st and Thursday, April 8th and the dress rehearsal on Thursday, April 15th at Chenery Auditorium. The winner must also be available to perform at the Spring Concert on Sunday, April 18th at Chenery Auditorium. In addition, the KCB Conductor reserves the right to edit the winner's musical selection for program length. Suitable cuts will be worked out between the director and student soloist.

4. Both a winner and a runner-up will be selected. If for any reason the winner is not able to perform with the Kalamazoo Concert Band on its Sunday, April 18, 2027 Spring Concert, the runner-up will then receive the scholarship and perform with the KCB.

5. The winner and runner-up will be notified by phone the evening of the Competition after 7:00 p.m. All contestants will be notified by e-mail of the winner and runner-up of the Competition by Monday evening, and will receive the judges' written comment sheets by regular mail.

6. **ALL APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL OR ELECTRONICALLY ON OUR WEBSITE OR BY EMAIL BY THE KCB YOUTH SOLOIST COMPETITION CHAIRMAN NO LATER MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2027 AT THE ADDRESSES INDICATED BELOW.**

7. Once the applications have been received, all contestants will be scheduled and notified by e-mail of their exact performance times for **Sunday, February 7, 2027**. The competition will be held in the Dalton Center (Music Building) on the campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. The competition usually begins between 10:00 & 11:00 a.m., with the Registration/Check-In desk opening about 30 minutes before the first performance. A map and directions to WMU will be included with the e-mailing. We will do everything we can to schedule your audition time around any other conflicting musical activities you may have such as Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra rehearsal or a concert with another ensemble.

8. Performances will be scheduled every 15 minutes, and a warm-up room with a piano will be available for your use 30 minutes before your scheduled Performance Time. The practice room must be vacated immediately following your performance. The performances will be heard by a panel of KCB judges.

9. The winner will need to provide a recent photograph and a biography for advertising purposes.

10. **Please submit all application materials to Brian Shetterly, 58508 Palmer Point Road, Colon, MI 49040, electronically on our website (www.kalamazooconcertband.org/youth-soloist/) or by email to bshetts@gmail.com. The application deadline is January 11, 2027.**

11. Please direct any questions or concerns to Brian Shetterly at (269) 278-2913 or at bshetts@gmail.com.