



Dear Directors,

It is with great pleasure that The National Catholic Bandmasters Association invites you and your band to participate in the **3rd ANNUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC BAND ASSOCIATION VIDEO RECORDING NATIONAL FESTIVAL**. We are sponsoring the festival once again after many years in hiatus and are adding several new classifications for both High School and Junior High/Elementary Schools. Along with Concert/Symphonic Bands and Jazz Bands, **This year we are adding ORCHESTRA to the festival.** The competition application deadline will be April 1, 2026.

Applications will also be available on our website if you wish to see more information about the 2026 National Digital Recording Festival. Simply go to www.catholicbands.org and there you will find everything you need to know about the festival. Simply submit a digital video recording of your group performing 2 selections. Make sure you edit out the name of the school so judges can adjudicate your group anonymously. Make sure you are recording as if you were in the audience watching the group perform. NO SIDE CAMERA SHOTS. Guidelines for submitting are also online.

Categories will include:

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| 1. Elementary Bands | Grade .5 - 1.5 literature |
| 2. Junior High Bands | Grade 1.5 - 2 literature |
| 3. High School A | Grade 2 - 2.5 literature |
| 4. High School AA | Grade 3 - 3.5 literature |
| 5. High School AAA | Grade 4 - 5 literature |

All classes of groups will be performing for a panel of qualified adjudicators from across the United States. Each group will receive a certificate of participation and will receive written commentary as well as recorded commentary from the adjudicators. Each group will remain anonymous and will be assigned an ID# to ensure anonymity. Our goal is to inform schools of their Rating by May 7, 2026, and the Outstanding Catholic Concert Band/Jazz Band/Orchestra will be announced in our newsletter and on our website. The winning schools in each class will receive their awards in the mail shortly after the announcement.

Directors will select the class that they wish to participate in based on their musical selection. Click on this link to help define which group you may wish to enter.

<https://www.nemusicpub.com/grading>

Since there are many state lists for band, the selections that directors wish to perform may not be on the list because they are new releases, please feel free to select the music that is equivalent to the selections listed in the group you are entering by using the chart above to determine in which grade level to perform.

Performing ensembles will be given a **DIVISION RATING** of *Superior, Excellent, Good or Fair*. Our goal is to have groups performing in the festival walk away with a positive experience.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith A. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Keith Miller
President, NCBA



**3rd ANNUAL
NATIONAL CATHOLIC BAND ASSOCIATION
DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDING FESTIVAL APPLICATION**

NAME OF SCHOOL:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

ZIP CODE:

CONCERT BAND CLASS:

ELEMENTARY BAND:

JUNIOR HIGH BAND:

CONCERT BAND CLASS:

HIGH SCHOOL A:

HIGH SCHOOL AA:

HIGH SCHOOL AAA:

JAZZ BAND CLASS:

JAZZ BAND HS:

JAZZ BAND JR. HIGH:

ORCHESTRA CLASS:

ORCHESTRA HS:

ORCHESTRA JR. HIGH:

NAME OF DIRECTOR:

HOME PHONE: / /

SCHOOL PHONE: / /

EMAIL ADDRESS:

BEST TIME TO BE REACHED AT SCHOOL:

TITLES AND COMPOSERS OF SELECTIONS BEING PERFORMED (FROM LIST):

1.

2.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCBA.
APPLICATION FEES: \$100

MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECKS TO:

KEITH MILLER

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Downingtown, PA 19335

SUBMIT DIGITAL RECORDINGS TO:

NCBAHONORSENSEMBLES@GMAIL.COM

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS APRIL 1, 2026