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BANDS OF AMERICA

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### Why Participate?

The focus is on the students! From the first step onto the field to the excitement of the awards ceremonies, Bands of America Championships have created an aura of excellence for student performers, teachers, parents, and fans. Since 1975, we have nurtured healthy competition and performance opportunities for students and band directors, all in an atmosphere of celebration for the entire band program.

### What Bands Receive:

- The best in adjudication and feedback from a national panel.
- Participation recognition and achievement awards.
- Participating band students are admitted free to watch Prelims and Finals. (*Excluding Grand Nationals Finals which is reserved seating only.*)
- Prelims and Finals format with 12 band Finals at Regionals and Grand Nationals, 14 band Finals for Super Regionals.
- Complimentary school administrator tickets.
- Event credentials for adults and staff working with the band (defined quantity).
- Educational video of your performances (streaming access for directors).
- Optional one-hour Sunday Director Clinic at select Regionals for additional, in-depth, focused input with BOA Championship adjudicators. Clinic fee: \$300.

### How to Register:

- All high school bands are eligible to enroll in Bands of America Championships.
- Event registration is open on a first-come, first served basis.
- Bands may choose competitive or *Input Only* participation.
- Applications must be signed by both the director and the school principal or superintendent and must be accompanied by the registration fee to be considered a complete registration. A purchase order is NOT considered payment.
- Register by Initial Deadline to be eligible for the random draw for preliminary performance times. Completing a registration in December or early January does not provide any advantage, as those registrations will be among those eligible for the random draw for performance times for those registered by initial registration deadline.

All complete registrations postmarked after initial registration deadline will be placed in the prelim schedule at earlier performance times than all bands that complete registration by initial registration deadline. If the requested show is already at capacity after initial registration deadline, a band will be placed on the wait list or encouraged to consider a different Bands of America Championship.

Please review the cancellation policy prior to completing your registration.

### Registration fees for 2026:

- All one-day Regionals enrollment fee is \$875.
- Super Regional Championship enrollment fee is \$925.
- Grand National enrollment fee is \$975.

### Classification System:

Bands are classified by school enrollment, grades 10-12 only. Classification numbers are examined and reset every three (3) years, with 2025 being a reclassification year. See the BOA Procedures and Adjudication Handbook for details. For purposes of determining enrollment, your principal must certify the number of students in grades 10-12 as reported on fall state and/or FTE funding reports.

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**Registration is now open at**  
**[marching.musicforall.org](http://marching.musicforall.org)**

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026



### 1 INITIAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Once the initial registration deadline has passed, we begin the random draw. You will receive your initial performance block email individually for each show, sent during the spring as block schedule times are set.

### 2 MAY

Bands of America will send an event procedures email which provides general rules and procedural information applicable for every Bands of America Championship.

### 3 AUGUST

Bands of America will send directors an email containing important information about completing the forms required for participation.

### 4 THIRTY DAYS PRIOR

Prior to each BOA Championship – Bands of America will send:

- ✓ Performance schedule
- ✓ Daily schedule of events
- ✓ Event-specific final packet with detailed event procedures and maps of the event location

## Post-Event Clinics

Bands of America offers optional, post-performance Director Clinics for additional, in-depth, focused input in a private evaluation setting the Sunday after each Regional Championship. These one-hour sessions are designed for directors and staff to analyze your performance from the previous day's BOA Championship with Bands of America music and visual judges in a positive and constructive atmosphere. The clinic fee is \$300. Any clinics not having six bands registered by June 1, 2026 may be canceled. Please email [fall@musicforall.org](mailto:fall@musicforall.org) to confirm the availability of clinics.

View all event details, registration requirements, and cancellation policy at [marching.musicforall.org](http://marching.musicforall.org)

