



**2022 Audition Packet**

**Section Leader**

Congratulations on taking the first step toward becoming a student leader in the new UWO Titan Thunder Marching Band! Candidates for Section Leader will complete the application form no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Candidates will interview and audition for their position with Dr. Scheivert, Dr. Lethco, and other TTMB staff (as available). Candidates not chosen for Drum Major will not need to reapply for Section Leader, though they will need to perform an audition piece during the applicable audition times.

The Section Leaders of Titan Thunder Marching Band are vital to the success of the program and are needed in EVERY section! Section Leaders serve as on-field musical and visual instructors who lead by example through preparation, high standards, and attention to detail. They build relationships with section members to encourage wellness and positive experiences and maintain open two-way communication between their section and the Drum Major and staff. Typical duties include leading marching and music sectionals, monitoring and guiding on-field performance, listening to music playoffs, and assisting with attendance, though Section Leaders are eager to step up when needed. It is a great way to gain valuable leadership and teaching experience in an activity you love!

All Section Leader candidates must plan to attend the Drum Major Skills Assessment and Group Interview on the evening of Friday, March 11. Section Leaders will meet occasionally during Spring 2022, maintain contact with prospective and accepted members throughout the summer, and arrive first for preseason camp on August 22.

### **Information Session**

A virtual information session will be held on MS Teams on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 7:00pm. Attendance is recommended but not mandatory. [[Link](#)]

### **Audition Procedure**

Section Leader candidate auditions consist of four stages: (Times to be announced)

Stage 1 - Application process (ALL)	Due: Tue. Mar. 1
Stage 1.5 - Drum Major Auditions - <u>Mandatory</u>	Fri. Mar. 11
Stages 2-4 - Interview/Audition with band staff (WINDS)	Wed-Fri Mar.16-18
Stage 2 - DRUMLINE, COLOR GUARD, TWIRLERS Interview/Audition sessions and requirements will be posted on the TTMB website	Date TBD

## Application Process

All students interested in applying for a Section Leader position in the Titan Thunder Marching Band must complete the following steps:

- Write an Introductory Letter [PDF], which will be provided to judges and interested students. Within the letter, please address these points:
  - Why do you want to be a Section Leader in the TTMB?
  - What is the role of a Section Leader?
  - What quality(s) do you feel is/ are the most important for a Section Leader to have?
  - What quality about yourself sets you apart from other candidates?
  - What does servant leadership mean to you? Specifically, how will you apply your understanding of servant leadership to this position?
  - Describe any relevant musical, scholastic, or leadership positions you have held (high school and/or college).
  - If chosen, what are some goals you have for yourself while in the position?
  - Any other things you wish to add about yourself.
- Design a Resume [PDF] that details your accomplishments as a band member and as a leader (both in and out of band), work/employment experience, additional musical enrichment experiences, and anything else that demonstrates leadership and/or teaching experience
- Contact References for Recommendations, specifically three peers and two professional/academic contacts who have taught or supervised you during your high school or collegiate career. They can be a work supervisor, church official, high school teacher, former band director, etc. The more variation in recommender background, the better. (i.e. - band director and work supervisor) **NOTE: Please do not solicit letters from Drs. Lethco, Otto, Scheivert, or Shaw.**
- Complete the online application and recommendation request form by following this [link](#). PDF documents will be uploaded at this time. Individual links to the web-based recommendation process will be sent to your references automatically.
- Applications AND online recommendations completed by your references must be submitted no later than **Tuesday, March 1, 2022.** Paper documents will not be accepted.

## **ALL - Drum Major Skills Assessment/Interview**

Location/Time (evening) TBD on Friday, March 11

All prospective section leaders are expected to be present and participate in the Drum Major audition and selection process. You, along with the Bolt Band, serve as the ensemble to be conducted, the panel to which the interview answers are directed, and the student voice in the selection process.

## **WINDS - Interview/Audition with Band Staff**

N118 Arts and Communications Bldg - 15-minute time slots on Wednesday, March 16 through Friday, March 18

Marching Demonstration - Section Leader candidates will perform a few rudimentary marching moves (low-step/glide-step/roll-step) including mark time, forward and backward march, and slides. Specific techniques employed by the TTMB will be standardized at later dates; please demonstrate your current understanding of these concepts.

Audition - Perform two prescribed scaled, demonstrating your full range, as well as the two provided excerpts. These details will be sent to you directly after the application period closes. Please contact Dr. Scheivert if you need access to an instrument for practice and/or audition.

Interview - Section Leader candidates should be prepared to discuss their qualifications, motivation for applying, and intentions/ideas for the group. The staff may follow-up on answers submitted in the application packet.

## **DRUMLINE/COLOR GUARD/TWIRLERS - Interview/Audition with Band Staff**

Location/Date/Time TBD

Section Leader selection for these sections may be part of the overall audition process, a separate component of spring clinics (for example, Saturday, April 23), an independent in-person or virtual meeting, or video submission. However, prospective leaders should still complete the written application process by Tuesday, March 1. Additional details will be posted on the TTMB website and e-mailed directly to current applicants.

If you need additional guidance, please visit or call and ask. I will be happy to help in any way I can. Good luck to all of you, and GO TITANS!!!!

-- Dr. Scheivert