

MILPERSMAN 1306-928

NAVY MUSIC PROGRAM (MU)

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1. Background

a. The Navy musician rating (MU) is comprised of Service members who possess musical skills in varying styles, to include martial, classical, and commercial music.

b. Tour lengths will be per rating sea and shore flow.

2. Policy. Director, Fleet Band Activities (FBA) has approval authority for all assessment auditions required for assignment to MU "A" School and eventual placement in a fleet or area band.

3. Eligibility. Service members seeking lateral conversion to the MU rating must first be granted approval to audition from their current chain of command and their respective enlisted community manager at Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) Enlisted Community Management Division (BUPERS-32) prior to taking an audition. Service members who successfully pass the required instrumental audition are eligible for assignment to MU "A" School.

4. Requirements and Qualifications

a. Service members must audition and be certified as "musically qualified" by FBA prior to submitting requests for lateral conversion and assignment to MU "A" School.

b. Service members auditioning for this program must demonstrate competent performance ability on one primary instrument or voice, as indicated below:

Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC)	Primary Instrument	Secondary Instrument
A01M	Flute/piccolo	(none)
A02M	Oboe	(see note)
A03M	Clarinet	(none)
A04M	Bassoon	(see note)
A05M	Saxophone	(none)
A06M	Trumpet	(none)
A07M	French horn	(none)
A08M	Euphonium (baritone)	(none)
A09M	Trombone	(none)
A11M	Tuba	(none)
A12M	Guitar	(see note)
A13M	Percussion (drums)	(none)
A14M	Piano/keyboard	(see note)
A15M	Electric/string bass	(see note)
A25M	Vocalist/ entertainer	(see note)
A55A	Audio engineer	(none)

Note: Guitar, keyboard, electric/string bass, bassoon, oboe instrumentalists, and vocalists receive basic skills instruction in percussion techniques during "A" school and perform on auxiliary percussion instruments for ceremonial band, parade band, and similar performance requirements (e.g., bass drum, cymbals, Latin-percussion instruments).

c. Due to the high visibility of Navy bands and frequent contact with the public, foreign dignitaries, and senior government officials, Service members must maintain an outstanding personal appearance and impeccable military bearing.

d. Required obligated service for this program is 36 months.

5. Procedures

a. Active duty members must obtain permission from their current chain of command via [NAVPERS 1306/92](#) Special Program Screening per [MILPERSMAN 1306-900](#) (exhibit 1 is not required). Based on NEC manning levels, Director, FBA, in conjunction with BUPERS-32, determine if there is a current or projected vacancy.

b. Contact FBA for assistance or location of audition sites.

c. Individual commands may issue "cost" temporary additional duty (TEMADD) orders, but funded travel is not required. Special liberty, leave, or no-cost TEMADD orders may be required for the Service member to properly effect the audition. Following the audition, Service members will return to their parent command.

d. Results of the audition will be forwarded to the Service member by Director, FBA.

e. Successful applicants are guaranteed assignment to MU "A" School upon release from current community.