

How to apply for a position with the Marine Music Program

Applicants interested in applying for a position within the Marine Music Program have several options and resources that will help get the process started. Below is a step-by-step process that can be followed to get apply for a vacancy in the program.

- 1.) Contact the Marine Musician Placement Director, Gunnery Sergeant Jonathan Bley at jonathan.bley@marines.usmc.mil or at (516) 972-8702. By contacting this placement director, you will be able to determine eligibility and see if this program is right for you. You will be asked general questions about your ability and background as a musician, medical history, physical capabilities and your history of police involvement (if applicable). Please ask any questions that you have about the program and the audition process. The audition requirements can be found at <http://www.mcrc.marines.mil/1stmcd/UnitHome/Music.aspx> . Click on the drop down box on the right hand side of the screen and select your appropriate instrument family.
- 2.) After you have contacted the Placement Director and you are eligible to continue the application process, your next step is to submit a video audition at <http://getacceptd.com/> . If you do not already have a profile with Acceptd, please create one and apply to the Marine Music Program. It is a very simple process and is free to sign up and apply. Please submit a video of at least one movement of a prepared piece from the recommended solo list. The video should be a minimum of 1:30 seconds in duration but no longer than 5:00 minutes. Your submission should demonstrate your musicianship and technical abilities. Please check your messages on your profile for comments from the Placement Director following submission.
- 3.) Following a successful video audition, our next step is schedule a live audition in your hometown!
- 4.) If you pass the audition and you have what it takes to be a Marine Musician, you will be offered a position in the Marine Music Program! You can now begin processing for entrance into the United States Marine Corps as a musician. Positions in the program are based on availability. There must be a vacancy on your instrument in order to be guaranteed a position. If there are not any vacancies for your instrument at the time of application, you can request to be put on the wait list where you will be notified upon an opening.

At any time throughout this process, you are highly encouraged to contact your local Marine Corps Recruiting Representative. If you do not know how to contact your local recruiter, I can assist you directly or you can visit www.marines.com or 1-800-Marines and request more information. A recruiter will contact you to schedule an initial appointment. Marine Corps Recruiters are consummate professionals and are valuable sources of information on military service. Also, if you qualify to be a Marine Musician, your recruiter will be the Marine that prepares your enlistment paperwork. This can be a long process and can be done simultaneously with your audition preparation, or if you choose, you can wait until after you are offered a position in the Marine Music Program.