



# Application Process

Spring 2017

FAME – Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education, Inc., invites middle and high school students who live and/or attend school in Prince George’s County Maryland to apply to its FAME Jazz Band Program (FJBP). Home schooled students are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be committed to playing their musical instrument and performing jazz music. FJBP members receive year-round high caliber music instruction, academic and college prep instruction. They perform on major stages and participate in FAME’s signature music technology and enrichment programs at the University of Maryland College Park and other area venues. FAME’s overall goal is to bring a diverse group of talented students together to learn, practice and perform in a dynamic jazz band. This program is provided at no cost to participants.

The Artistic Director is international pianist, songwriter and composer Nat Adderley, Jr.; best known for his work as music director for music icon Luther Vandross.

FAME is a tax-exempt nonprofit founded in 2004 to positively impact the lives of youth through access to quality music, education, programs, and experiences. Visit [fameorg.org](http://fameorg.org) for additional information.

Applications must be submitted using the online form at [www.famejazzband.org](http://www.famejazzband.org).

## **Timeline**

- February 22: Application opens
- April 7: Application deadline (at 11:59 PM online or Postmarked)
- April 7: Teacher Recommendation deadline
- April 10: Applicants are notified of their audition date
- April 11 & 12: Auditions

## **Instrumentation**

The FAME Jazz Band Program is accepting applications for all standard jazz band instruments.

## **Application Fee**

There is a \$50 application fee due at the time you fully complete and submit your application. The fee is non-refundable. Payment may be made via major credit card, PayPal or check. See application for details.



### **Application Requirements**

- **Biographical Essay:** Describe your background and musical/educational experience, and address how participation in The FAME Jazz Band Program would help you achieve personal or artistic goals.
- **Personal Recommendations:** You are required to obtain a teacher recommendation/reference (music teacher or ensemble conductor(s) are preferred). The teacher must complete the Teacher Recommendation form and submit it directly to FAME at [info@famejazzband.org](mailto:info@famejazzband.org). The recommendation will address both your personal and musical qualities.

### **Audition Requirements**

Applicants will audition with two songs – jazz or classical. Send charts (sheet music) with your application for any jazz tunes you wish to play. Selected songs should reflect a degree of proficiency that highlights your skill level. For jazz music, a pianist and/or bassist will be provided to play with you at the audition. For classical music, you should bring an accompanist with you (if needed).

### **Audition Preparation**

- **Introduction:** Your introduction should include stating your name, school, instrument, city and the title of the solo works you have chosen.
- **Solo Works:** The solos may be any works of your choice, or a movement/section of longer works, provided they are each approximately three minutes in duration.
- **Personal Questions:** Be prepared to answer the following:  
Who or what inspires you musically?  
Complete this statement: “Music is \_\_\_\_\_”.

### **Eligibility**

You must be a middle school or high school student who live and/or attend school in Prince George’s County Maryland. Home schooled students are also encouraged to apply.

### **Information & Questions**

Click [www.famejazzband.org](http://www.famejazzband.org), call 301-805-5358, or email [info@famejazzband.org](mailto:info@famejazzband.org).