



# Louisiana Bandmasters' Association

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## LBA High School All-Star Blast Band

Dear Band Directors,

Enclosed is the nomination form for the L.B.A. All-Star High School Blast Band. This is a new band that will feature the marching band side of music in our state.

The Blast band will rehearse on the campus of the **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**. Registration and chair placement auditions will take place **Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Angelle Hall. The concert will be held on **Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** at the **Student Union Pavilion or Ballroom**, depending on weather, on the **ULL campus**. A chaperone or parent must be present and must remain with the students throughout the registration/auditions process.

Parents will be responsible for finding their own hotel in the area. Directors, please do not submit a name until you have informed parents that they or the school will be paying for their own hotel rooms and will be responsible for all the student's meals during the conference.

Our concerts this year will consist of the high school Jazz and Blast bands on Monday night and the three middle school ensembles on Tuesday afternoon. Nationally known clinicians will be brought in to conduct the Wind Ensemble, Blast Band and Jazz Band. Our Bandmaster of the year will conduct the Symphonic Band.

Students must be enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 grade for the 2017-2018 school year in order to qualify for nomination into the High School Blast Band. Students will be selected on a point system. Every participating band will have **at least** 1 student selected. Directors submitting names for participation in the All-Star Band must be current L.B.A. members. **Please send your \$50.00 dues and membership forms** to Angele Bienvenu at 630 South Bayou Dr., Golden Meadow, LA 70357. (checks made payable to L.B.A.) L.B.A. dues will follow the calendar year and be valid from January to January.

A total of 12 points may be earned by nominated students:

- 2 points: 1<sup>st</sup> Chair School Band
- 2 points: Honor Band Participant
- 2 points: 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Honor Band
- 2 points: Solo or Ensemble Superior
- 1 points: Superior District Festival Last Year
- 1 points: Superior State Festival Last Year
- 2 points: LBA Member Last Year

There is NO minimum number of points required to become a member. If you have additional students to nominate within a section, please submit a duplicate form. All students selected to the All-Star Band will audition for chair placement during registration. The material for chair auditions can be found on our website:

[www.labandmasters.org](http://www.labandmasters.org). **The band director is responsible for getting the audition material to their students.**

If you have any questions concerning the nomination form, please feel free to call me at 985-518-5850.

Musically yours,

Michael Swiber  
High School All-Star Blast Band Coordinator  
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