



**United States Navy Band  
Sea Chanters Chorus  
Tenor or Bass-Baritone Audition (One Position)  
October 29, 2019**

The Sea Chanters is the United States Navy's official chorus and performs a variety of music including traditional choral music, sea chanteys, patriotic fare, opera, Broadway and contemporary music. Based in Washington, D.C., the Sea Chanters perform for the President, Vice President and numerous congressional, military and foreign dignitaries. In addition to national tours and concerts in the Washington, D.C., area, the Sea Chanters can frequently be found at the center of our most important national events, at the White House and U.S. Capitol, as well as at NFL and other professional sporting events.

Starting salary for a new member of the U.S. Navy Band is \$62,065-\$66,925, plus 30 days paid leave annually and full benefits for members and dependents. Members may also be eligible for an enlistment bonus (up to \$10,000) and/or the Student Loan Repayment Program (up to \$65,000). Those selected for the U.S. Navy Band are advanced to the paygrade of E-6 (musician first class) following recruit training, under a contract for permanent duty with the U.S. Navy Band. *Applicants must be aged 18 to 39 and otherwise qualified for service in the U.S. Navy.*

## **Application Instructions**

The final in-person live audition will take place on October 29, 2019 in Washington, D.C., and is by invitation only. In order to be considered for a live audition, you must complete the steps below. All materials, including audio recordings (if applicable), are due by **11:59 pm EST on September 27, 2019.**

**Step 1:** Send the following materials via e-mail to [navyband.auditions@navy.mil](mailto:navyband.auditions@navy.mil)

- (1) One-page resume (.pdf preferred)
- (2) Letter of Endorsement - *only for current military members*

**Step 2:** Preliminary audition. You may choose from the following options:

**Option A:** Attend a live preliminary audition in Washington, D.C. Auditions will be held on October 28, 2019 (the day before the final audition); candidates advanced to the final round will be notified later in the day. A live accompanist will be provided. For details on this option or to secure an audition time, you must contact the U.S. Navy Band by September 27, 2019. Repertoire requirements can be found on the following page.

**Option B:** Submit audio recordings electronically, either with an accompanist or backing track. Audio recordings are due by September 27, 2019. Candidates invited to the final audition will be notified by October 2, 2019 and will only attend the second day of the audition (October 29). Repertoire requirements can be found on the following page.

**Preference will not be given to any candidate based on their choice of preliminary option.**

## Preliminary Requirements

This audition is for one position, however candidates may possess any of the following vocal ranges:

- Tenor
- Baritone
- Bass-Baritone

No preference will be given to any candidate based on vocal range. Successful candidates for the vacancy must demonstrate:

- Strong “showcase” solo abilities in a variety of styles to include opera, pop and musical theater.
- Excellent choral technique, ensemble sensitivity and advanced sight-reading ability.

**Live preliminary and audio recordings:** Please prepare or submit one selection from each of the following genres:

- (1) Musical Theatre or jazz standard (post-1970)
- (2) Aria or art song in a foreign language
- (3) Pop/Rock/Country song

Audio recordings are not to exceed 12 minutes in total length. No editing is permitted, other than to trim to length.

### Live preliminary only:

- Auditions will take place behind a screen.
- Please provide clean, legible sheet music for each of your three selections. Each selection must be scored for piano, and must be written in the key in which you will be performing.
- Each score should be clearly marked with two-minute cuts. The cuts may be disjointed, as long as the total time for each piece does not exceed two minutes.
- You should be prepared to sing the entirety of each song at the request of the panel.
- Scores are due no later than October 14, 2019.
- You may be asked to perform some sight-singing as well.

Versatility is a key quality of any successful candidate. Please maintain the integrity of each chosen musical style, as the Sea Chanters require skills and strengths in many different genres and musical contexts. Your ability to display this versatility is paramount throughout the process. With that said, please choose repertoire that highlights your strengths and particular proficiency.

For official submission instructions as well as eligibility information, please contact [navyband.auditions@navy.mil](mailto:navyband.auditions@navy.mil). You must e-mail the Navy Band prior to submitting your materials or scheduling a live preliminary. Repertoire for the final audition will be provided by October 2, 2019.