

# THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA FOUNDATION'S



**Join a world-class conductor and musicians from around the country for a weekend of great music making.**

THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY BAND is administered by Gerald Guilbeaux, a Past President of ACB with many years of experience organizing musicians from around the country. Colonel John Bourgeois, Director Emeritus of the United States Marine Band will again conduct the ensemble which will be hosted by The Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota.

There are a limited number seats that will be filled, so do not delay in getting your application in soon. For more detailed information and an application to perform with the John Philip Sousa Foundation's **NATIONAL COMMUNITY BAND 2026** send an email to: [windband@gmail.com](mailto:windband@gmail.com) or visit our website and follow the links to "Projects and Awards" <http://www.sousafoundation.net/>

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**BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA**

**JULY 9, 10, 11, 12, 2026**

# The 2026 National Community Band Application

A PROJECT OF THE JOHN PHILIP SOUSA FOUNDATION

Conducted by

**Colonel John R. Bourgeois,**

USMC (Ret.), former director of the United States Marine Band

July 9,10, 11, 12, 1 2026 – Bemidji, Minnesota

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION ALONG WITH A CHECK FOR REGISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$100.00** TO:

*This registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE after April 15, 2023*

**THE SOUSA FOUNDATION**

**P.O. Box 52645**

**Lafayette, Louisiana 70505**

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY INSTRUMENT\_\_\_\_\_ SECONDARY INSTRUMENT\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL\_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size\_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE NUMBER (        )\_\_\_\_\_

CITY YOU LIVE IN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF COMMUNITY BAND YOU PLAY IN\_\_\_\_\_

PART YOU PLAY\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIR\_\_\_\_\_

**There is no audition requirement to join the band, however, we depend on your honest assessment of your playing abilities to make sure all parts are covered properly.**

**Please self rate your playing ability (1 = beginner, 10 = professional) Circle one:**

**1        2        3        4        5        6        7        8        9        10**