



THE SUDLER SILVER CUP

An International Award Recognizing Middle School Concert Bands
of Outstanding Musical Excellence,
administered by the John Philip Sousa Foundation

2021 APPLICATION FORM

Application materials must be submitted prior to the **September 15, 2021** deadline.
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MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION		
Middle School Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

DIRECTOR INFORMATION	
Name:	School Phone:
Home or Cell Phone:	Email:
Years in current position (including this year)?	Total years teaching band?

RECORDING INFORMATION		
March	Title	Composer/Arranger
Band Work	Title	Composer/Arranger
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REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION

- A. Recording. Provide 2 CDs and a digitally accessible mp3 recording of three selections, recorded within two years of your submission. A quality, UN-EDITED, representative recording is of primary importance. In order to be considered, the following selections are required:
1. Standard March (Sousa, King, Fillmore, etc.)
 2. Band work—a selection which demonstrates the technical prowess of the ensemble, as well as the expressive and interpretive sensibilities of ensemble and conductor.
 3. Band work of quality that is in somewhat contrast to the first band work.

All three selections will be evaluated for quality of performance, as well as quality of literature selected.

- B. A loose-leaf notebook containing all required documentation. The notebook should be no more than 1.5 inches in thickness, and should contain 7 tabbed sections in the following order:
1. **General Information.** Include application form, instrumentation list of the performing group, director resume, director photo, band photo.
 2. **Documentation of Literature.** Include a list of ten major works performed by the group in the past three years, as well as several printed programs from the last five years.
 3. **Letters of Recommendation.** Include no more than 3 letters in support of your band's application for this award. The letters must be on either school or personal letterhead of the author, and should be written by nationally recognized conductors who are familiar with your program.
 4. **Documentation of State Assessment.** Include copies of adjudication sheets from district and state level concert events for 3-5 years.
 5. **Documentation of Distinguished Performances.** Include programs from state or national clinics or conventions such as The Midwest Clinic, NBA Convention, NAFME Convention, Your state convention, etc. Any special programs you have organized for a unique and positive musical experience may be documented here as well. Include newspaper articles here.
 6. **Documentation of District/Region/State Honor Group Participation.** Include programs for district/state/regional honor bands in which your students participate for 3-5 years. Underline names of students from your program.
 7. **Documentation of Solo/Ensemble Participation.** Include a list of students participating in district or state solo/ensemble contest with ratings for 3-5 years.

CDs and notebook should be mailed to:

*Applications from Texas go to Bethann Adams - 2711 Grants Lake Blvd. #61, Sugar Land, TX 77479

**Applications from all other states go to Louis C. Bean - 43481 Orson Street, South Riding, VA 20152

Be sure to obtain a tracking number for your package. Please DO NOT request a receiving signature.

Be sure you are submitting the application form for the current year (2021).

The mp3 recording (or a download link) should be emailed to: *beth.adams@windstream.net*

Please keep copies of all submissions as no materials will be returned.