Auditions are held at McNally Smith College of Music on specific dates each semester. Visit www.mcnallysmith.edu/admissions/auditions for upcoming audition dates, then email admissions@mcnallysmith.edu to schedule your audition time on one of the predetermined audition dates listed.

The audition has a number of components including:

**Scales**
- Play a chromatic scale with a metronome through the applicant’s practical range and tempo.
- Be prepared to play all major scales through the applicant’s practical range and tempo.

**Prepared Music**
- Perform two contrasting pieces in any style, 1-3 minutes in length.
  Applicants should choose pieces that best demonstrate their musical ability and conviction.

**Basic Skills and Musicianship**
- Call and Response
- Sight reading
- Optional Improvisation: Perform a tune, and then improvise on that tune.
  Applicants are encouraged to bring an accompaniment CD with them.
  (Aebersold or Music Minus One type)

**The Interview**
Adjudicators will ask the prospective student basic questions about their background and musical interests, including: any training (school or private), other instrumental skills, band/solo experience (either amateur or professional), etc. Other questions include perceived strengths and challenges on the instrument, influences, and specific hopes for their college experience.

**Note:** Keep in mind that demonstrating talent and potential is the main reason for the audition.