



Brass & Woodwind Audition Requirements

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.