



LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE

Dear Prospective Student:

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We are delighted to learn of your interest in LSU. The purpose of this letter is to give you additional information about our program and application procedures for both music and non-music majors.

LSU is the flagship university of Louisiana, and is an outstanding university with degree programs in virtually every academic discipline. With an enrollment close to 450 students, the LSU School of Music has a distinguished national reputation and is also one of the seven “Foundations of Excellence” on the LSU campus. The LSU Band program is over one hundred years “young,” and is nationally recognized from its concert ensembles to the award winning LSU Tiger Marching Band, *The Golden Band from Tigerland*.

If you decide to major in music, you will have one of the country’s finest artist-teachers as your major professor with whom you should be able to make significant progress. Prospective music majors should apply to LSU and the School of Music as soon as possible, preferably before you audition. You may apply to LSU on-line at www.lsu.edu. Application information for the School of Music is available at www.music.lsu.edu.

In order to receive maximum scholarship consideration, music majors should call and schedule an audition with us as soon as possible. If you call the Band Department (225/578-2384), we will help coordinate your audition with the appropriate studio teacher. In addition to the individual instrument audition requirements (available on-line at www.music.lsu.edu/admissions/undergraduate/auditions.htm), we would like to hear your chromatic scale (full range of instrument) and sight-reading. We encourage all potential music majors to come to campus to audition. If you cannot travel to LSU, we will accept a compact disc of your playing.

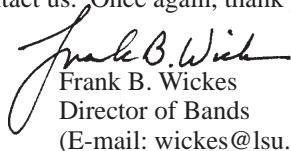
Assuming that you meet the requirements for admission to LSU, and have a successful School of Music audition, we will **recommend** that you be considered for maximum scholarship consideration. This could waive your full tuition and, in some cases, pay additional cash awards. As a music major, an early application and successful audition should result in a response from LSU in early spring. Please understand that our scholarships are competitive and not every student receives the maximum award. The Associate Dean of the College of Music and Dramatic Arts makes all final decisions on scholarships awarded by the School of Music. All students accepted into a School of Music studio are automatically invited to the preseason band camp for Tiger Band. This is held the week before the start of the fall semester.

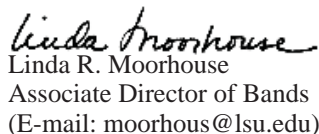
If you decide to major outside of music, there are a few scholarships available to non-music majors. Almost all of the Louisiana residents in our band program are under Louisiana’s TOPS scholarship program, which waives in-state tuition. A number of non-music majors receive additional assistance from the Band Department. These awards are based on musical profile, talent, and Band Department need. All of the students in the Tiger Marching Band receive a scholarship. (Over 2/3 of the Tiger Band are non-music majors.) ***Tiger Band Golden Oaks Scholarships*** are available to qualified out-of-state students. These scholarships include partial, or in most cases, full tuition, and are awarded for four years. These scholarships are based on musical profile, a successful audition (see requirements below), and academic background—students must have at least a 26 on the ACT or 1170 on the SAT to qualify.

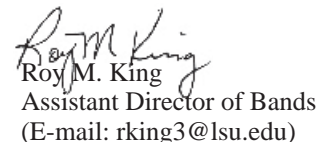
If you want to be a member of the highly acclaimed LSU Tiger Marching Band, *The Golden Band from Tigerland*, and do not want to major in music, you need to set up a playing audition with the Band Department during the spring semester, beginning in March. You should have applied to LSU (www.lsu.edu), and should have submitted our LSU Band Membership application (if you haven’t already done so on-line). Simply call the Band Office (225/578-2384), and we will work with you to set up an audition time and date that is mutually convenient. The Tiger Band audition will consist of (1) your chromatic scale, (2) a few major scales, (3) a prepared piece that you provide (etude, solo, honor band audition material, etc.), and (4) sight-reading. The entire audition takes about 20 minutes, and we will be able to answer any questions you or your parents may have about our program. (If you cannot travel to LSU, we will accept a compact disc of your playing.) If your audition is successful, you will be invited to the Tiger Band preseason band camp in August—final selection of the 2008 Tiger Band will be made at that time. Auditions for the LSU Golden Girls and Tiger Band Colorguard are held in April. Auditions for the LSU Drumline are held right before our August band camp—you can visit our website for more information on the above auxiliary and Drumline auditions. We include a detailed preseason band camp and concert ensemble audition schedule in our LSU Bands Preseason Newsletter, which is sent to all interested bandmen in July of each year. All students in Tiger Band receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

If you are interested in only playing in a concert ensemble, simple follow the above instructions to set up a playing audition. We will advise you on what to do at the end of your audition.

We hope this information has been helpful. If you or your parents have any other questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Once again, thank you for your interest, and we hope to hear from you in the near future!


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