Q: What should you play or sing?
A: Check your specific area’s audition requirements back on our audition webpage. Performers often perform the Region etudes, but if you do, please know who composed them and what book they are from. It is advisable to perform your best Region etude, then something else such as some solo repertoire or an orchestral excerpt you’ve been studying. Also, knowing your major and minor scales over multiple octaves goes a long way in determining who is offered scholarship and the amount. Scales are crucial!

Q: What should you wear?
A: Business attire: suit and tie, dress, pant suit - look very professional.

Q: How long does the audition day last?
A: Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. For Saturday Audition Days: Audition Days are usually over by 12:30 p.m., if not before. For Individual Audition Times Only: Usually students take off a day from school to tour Lamar University, perform their audition, meet with their area’s faculty members, and enjoy the campus for the day. If a more concise day is needed, that can also be accommodated. It will depend on the situation. The process could be as short as 1 hour if necessary.

Q: How long after the audition will I know the results of whether or not I am accepted and if I am being offered a scholarship?
A: You will be notified by mail, approximately three to four weeks after the audition.

Q: Are you transferring from another university?
A: If so - have you requested to be released from your previous institution’s scholarship / program? Let us know if you need any documentation - such as (in some instances) a letter requesting release written to your previous institution’s Dept. Chair or School Director.

Q: Where do the auditions take place? Where should we park?
A: Auditions take place at the James “Jimmy” Simmons Music Building on Lamar’s Campus (Map Number 5).
For Audition Days: Park on the southeast side of the Music Building in the E-1 Lot (On the map; the white area under numbers 10, 11, 12). For Individual Audition Times: Park in the Visitor’s Parking lot, midway down campus off MLK Parkway (Map Number 24).