

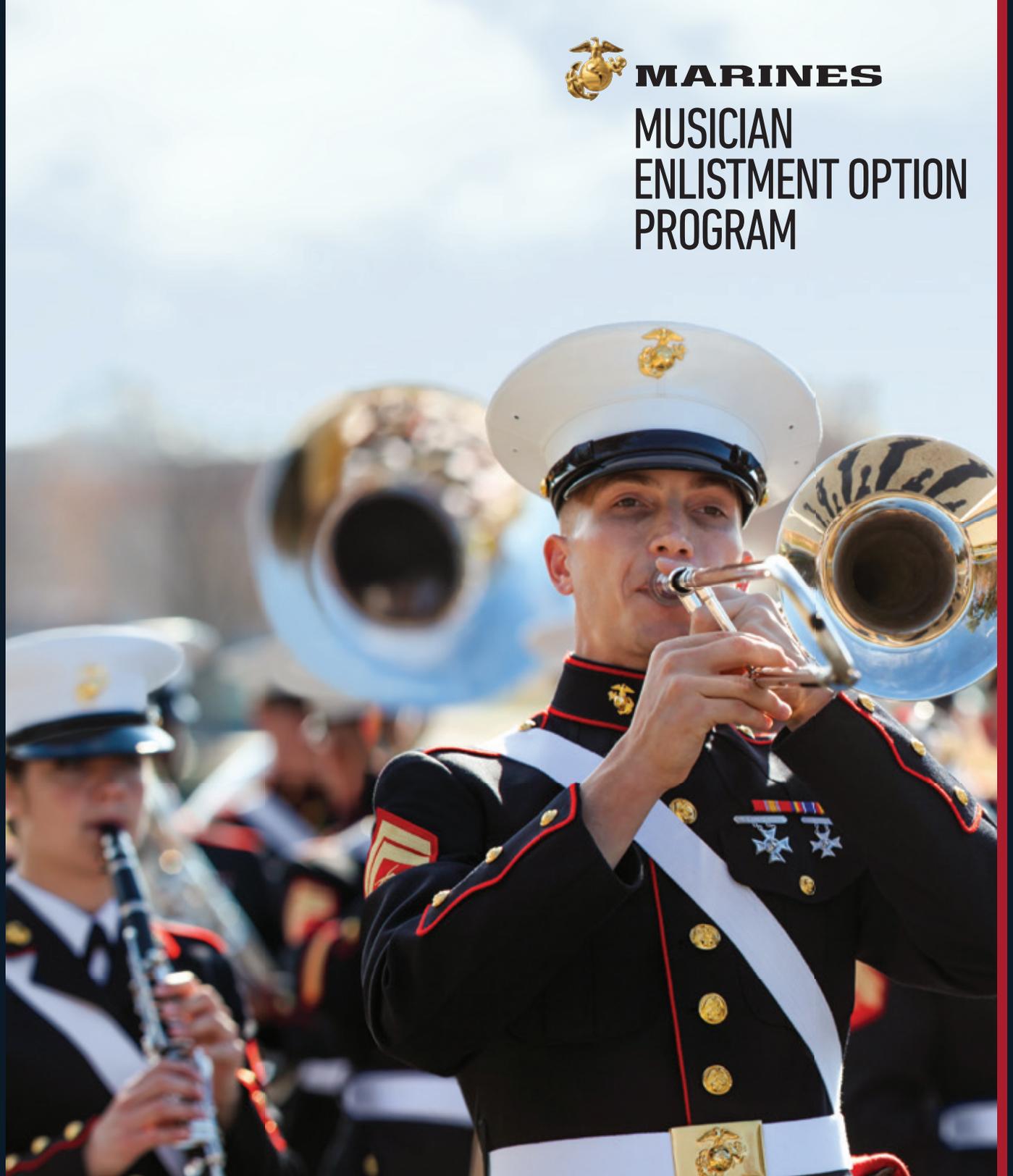
INSPIRED TO SERVE OUR NATION

INSPIRED TO EXPRESS YOUR PASSION

Your fighting spirit, willingness to engage and determination to defeat any opposing force compels you to seek the honor of earning the title United States Marine. And it is your talent and relentless pursuit of musical mastery that will put you on the path to traveling and performing domestically and internationally—a Marine honor and tradition that has endured for hundreds of years.



MARINES MUSICIAN ENLISTMENT OPTION PROGRAM



EXPRESS THE MARINES' FIGHTING SPIRIT AROUND THE WORLD

Although you are serving with your respective band as a musical ambassador of the U.S. Marine Corps, you are first and foremost a trained rifleman, ready to answer the call of your country. As such, you will perform throughout the United States and travel internationally to locations from Beijing to Scotland. Marine Corps field bands are located along the Atlantic southeast coast, New Orleans, Southern California, Hawaii and Japan.



AVAILABLE INSTRUMENTS

Woodwinds

Audition Requirements: all major, natural, harmonic melodic minor and chromatic scales throughout the practical range of the instrument, audition excerpts and sight reading of varied styles of music.

Brass

Audition Requirements: all major, natural, harmonic melodic minor and chromatic scales throughout the practical range of the instrument, audition excerpts and sight reading of varied styles of music.

Percussion Instruments

Audition Requirements: all standard rudiments for marching snare drum, all major, minor scales on marimba or xylophone, concert and rudimental snare audition excerpts. Must demonstrate various styles

on drum set to include: Jazz, Rock, Funk and Latin, sight reading of various styles of music on snare drum, drum set and mallets.

Rhythm Instruments

Audition Requirements: all major, natural, harmonic, jazz melodic minor scales, selections to be performed with backing tracks, audition excerpts and sight reading of varied styles of music.

Vocal

National Anthem (a cappella, in choice of key), sight-reading to assess ability to read rhythms, match pitch and lyrics, perform a set list as if in concert of various music styles.

HOW TO EARN YOUR PLACE IN THE MARINE CORPS

Requirements for MEOP admission:

Above all, you must have the insatiable desire to be a Marine. That means possessing the requisite fighting spirit found in each one's heart while also joining a musical tradition going back hundreds of years. Beyond that, you are required to pass a musical audition, physical examination, as well as mental and moral screening. Also, an audition video submission of musical excerpts is required. If qualified, a live audition, performing the same excerpts, is necessary in addition to sight-reading and a selective performance of major, natural minor, harmonic minor and melodic minor scales. After qualifying, you will attend 13 weeks of Recruit Training and 3 weeks of Marine Combat Training before attending the Naval School of Music, where you will remain studying until assigned to one of the 11 active-duty bands, which include "The Commandant's Own."

Throughout the year, you must maintain both military and musical proficiency and training for the secondary mission as an Auxiliary Security Marine while developing musicianship.

Learn more at [Marines.com/enlisted-meop](https://www.marines.com/enlisted-meop)

