THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

THE SOUNDS OF DYN-O-MITE

2027-28 AUDITION GUIDE







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Dear Prospective Students,

I am Dr. Everson Martin, Director of Bands, here at Alcorn State University. I would like to thank you for your interest in our great organization. We are thrilled that you are considering joining a community dedicated to excellence, innovation, and personal growth. Not only is our organization built on a foundation of collaboration, integrity, and a shared commitment to making a meaningful impact on the world, but we pride ourselves on being a FAMILY!

Here, we believe in nurturing the potential of every individual. As a prospective member, you will find opportunities to challenge yourself, explore your passions, and develop the skills necessary to thrive in an ever-changing global landscape of music. Whether it's through rigorous academic programs, hands-on learning experiences, or access to supportive mentors, we aim to empower you to reach your full potential.

We value diversity and inclusivity, recognizing that the unique perspectives and talents of our students are what drive our success. By choosing to join us, you will not only gain knowledge and experience, but also become part of a vibrant community that inspires creativity, fosters innovation, and strives for positive change.

Thank you again for your interest. We look forward to the possibility of welcoming you to our FAMILY and supporting you on your journey toward achieving your goals and aspirations. Together, we can shape a brighter future for you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Everson Martin

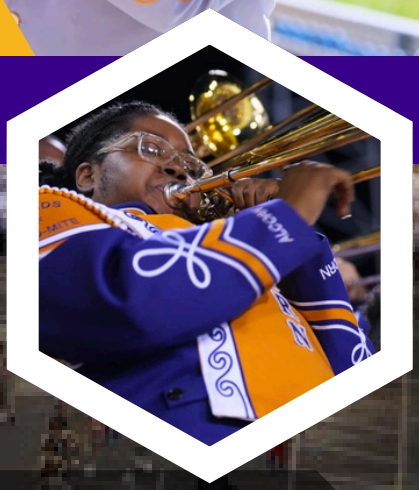




ABOUT THE SOUNDS OF DYN-O-MITE



FULL HISTORY



Heralded as the Showband from Southland, the story of the Alcorn State University band program starts back in 1885 with a newly formed Brass Band, under the Direction of J.M. Hicks, a student who instructed in his studies by Prof. J. C. McAdams. In 1892, William Grant Still, Sr. became the student leader of this group, and would later earn the title of "Band Master" due to his skill in music field.

In 1964, the band was affectionately known as the Band of Distinction, under the leadership of William H. Hamlin. The band transitioned to Mr. Smiley during the 1966-1967 at the helm with a recent college graduate, Samuel S. Griffin. In 1973, Mr. Griffin "wanted a catchy phrase to catch the public's attention" and decided to change the band's name to the "Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite" – which is currently used with the current band.

During the fall of 2018, Dr. Everson Martin was named the Director of Bands, and has continued the traditions of the Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite

ABOUT ALCORN



Location

The main campus of Alcorn is located on 1700 acres in Claiborne County, Mississippi, seven miles west of Lorman, seventeen miles southwest of Port Gibson, and about halfway between Vicksburg, to the north, and Natchez, to the south. The campus in Natchez is home to the School of Nursing and School of Business, and a variety of courses are offered at the Vicksburg location.

Enrollment

Nearly 3,100 full and part-time undergraduate and graduate students from 34 states and 23 countries attend Alcorn State University.

Activities

More than 85 clubs and organizations, including student government, greek organizations, student newspaper and yearbook staffs, radio station, honor societies, religious groups, music and theater groups, student council, and special-interest groups.



Why Alcorn

- Generations of successful alumni have distinguished themselves in the most competitive arenas including education, medicine, law, business and professional athletics.
- Nationwide recognition for excellence in liberal arts, agricultural research, technology, music and nursing.
- Understanding professors to guide you every step of the way as you explore possible majors.
- Close, collaborative relationships with faculty mentors create a uniquely supportive learning environment where students thrive.
- Making friends is easy in our active campus community, with so many ways to get involved, develop valuable leadership skills and just have fun.
- In Alcorn's diverse living and learning environment, students develop the skills they need for lasting success in our global marketplace. Alcorn is a place where nurturing and guidance share the stage with independence and accountability.

Admission Requirements







All inquiries concerning admission to Alcorn State University should be directed to the Office of Admissions. To be eligible for admission, a person must be a graduate of a recognized high school. Persons who are not high school graduates are required to pass the General Education Development (GED) test and make a satisfactory score on the ACT and/or SAT before being admitted.

You must have the following items on file in the Office of Admissions in order for your application to be processed:

1. Application for Admissions (signed)
2. ACT/SAT Scores (Freshmen only)
3. Appropriate final Transcripts (High School or College)
4. Immunization Records (MMR)

Important Links



Alcorn School Code: 002396

FAFSA Application

Admissions Application

Financial Aid

Residence Life

Audition Requirements

As a student in the Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite Band, you will have the opportunity to gain scholarships, travel to many locations around the country, become a part of a prosperous university and band tradition, and regularly perform for audiences across the nation as a representative of the university. Within the Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite FAMILY, you will form special bonds and relationships with the staff and fellow bandmates that will last a lifetime.

Complete the S.O.D. Interest Form

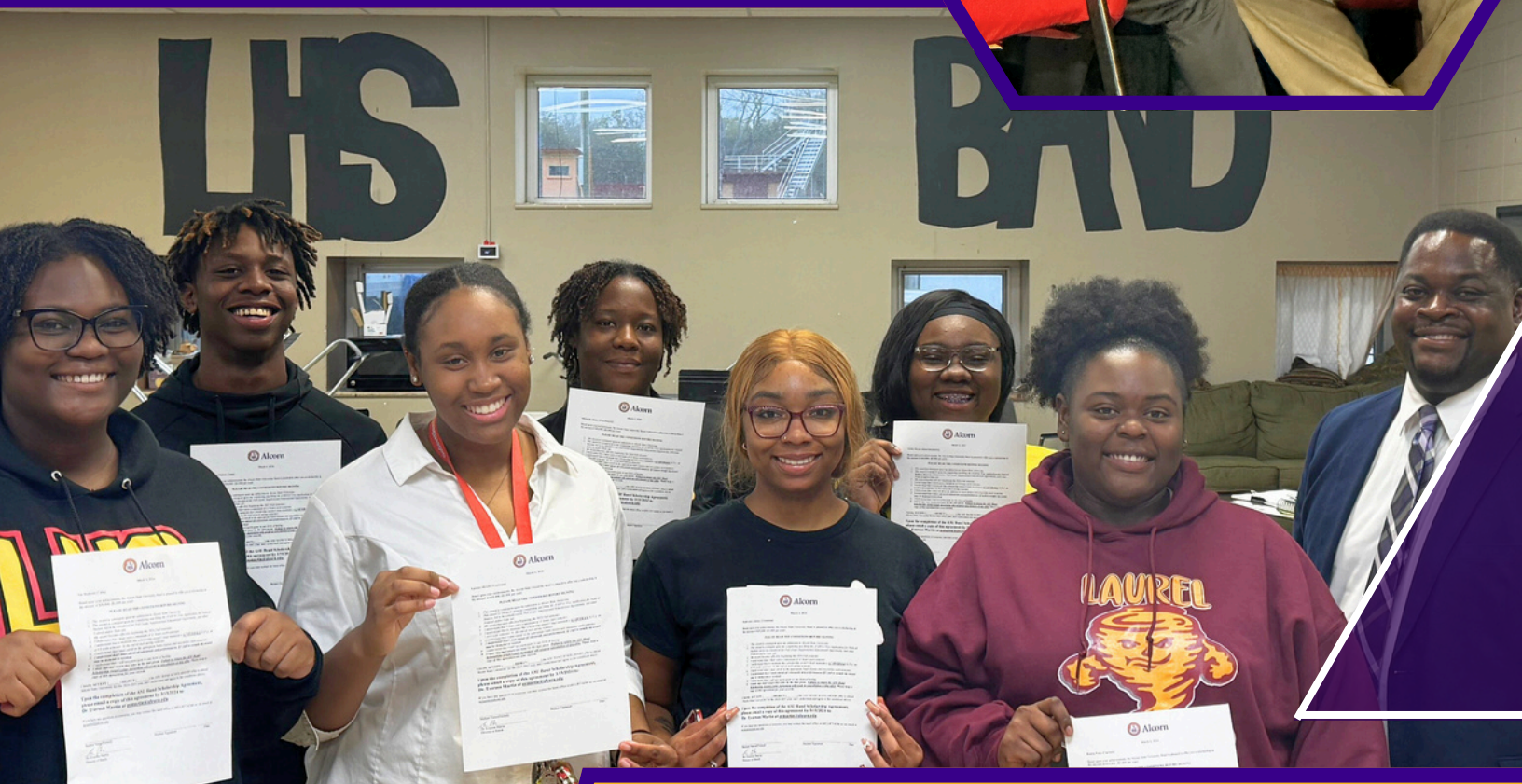
This form tells us some basic information about you, including your contact information, parent/guardian name, numbers, etc., which will help us keep you updated on important dates and information.

S.O.D.
Interest Form



Audition Requirements





Wind Instruments

- 12 major & minor scales (play as many octaves as possible)
- Chromatic scale
- Prepared piece of your choice
- Sight reading

Percussionists

- original 40 rudiments (open,closed,open)
- A prepared written snare solo piece.
- Sight reading
- Creative display on desired instrument



JOIN SOD, BECOME #SOD4LIFE

Becoming a member of the Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite is more than just "being in the band." You gain entry into a multi-generational family that has sustained a legacy of musical and performance-based excellence that has stood the test of time. Learn from current students and understand exactly why Alcorn is the perfect place to start the road toward your dreams and develop your true potential. Learn why you should become #SOD4LIFE!

SOD MEDIA TEAM FOOTAGE

Access the Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite Marching band media team's Youtube channel. The page was created to share the Alcorn State University Sounds of Dyn-O-Mite Marching Band community access to high-quality recordings and films of the band. Take this opportunity to envision yourself in this amazing ensemble.

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