ATTENTION YOUNG CONDUCTORS!

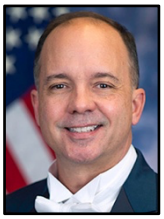
The National Band Association is pleased to announce that **The United States Air Force Band** (Washington, D.C.), Col. Don Schofield, Commander and Conductor, will serve as the ensemble in residence for the **2027 NBA Young Composer/Young Conductor Mentor Project (YCCMP).** The NBA is deeply appreciative of Col. Schofield's continued generosity in providing the artistic services of this outstanding premier ensemble.

Project Dates: Wednesday, June 2 – Saturday, June 5, 2027 **Location:** Washington, D.C.

2027 Conductor Mentors

Jason Fettig
University of Michigan

Cynthia Johnston-Turner
Wilfrid Laurier University



Col. Don Schofield
United States Air Force Band

Three conductors age 34 and under will be selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants. Working closely with the project's young composers, selected conductors will rehearse, perform, and record new works for wind band with the United States Air Force Band in Washington, D.C. They will also take part in seminars and private lessons with the mentor conductors. There are no fees for instruction, participation, or housing, and all lunches and one dinner are provided. Participants are responsible for their own travel and remaining meals (three breakfasts and two dinners).

Application Procedure

Conductor applicants will be requested to complete the online **YCCMP Conductor Application** and provide the following:

1. **A one- to two-page curriculum vitae (CV)**
2. **Two letters of recommendation**. Letters may be uploaded by you or sent directly by your recommenders to yccmp.conductor@gmail.com.
3. **Introduction video (3–5 minutes):** Introduce yourself and tell us of your long-term goals and why you are interested in being part of this project.
4. **Rehearsal video (10–15 minutes):** Show yourself rehearsing an ensemble and working on a fundamental music concept.
   Conducting video (15–20 minutes): Show yourself conducting a performance or run-through with no verbal instruction.

For questions, contact YCCMP Project Coordinator Dr. Linda Moorhouse at **yccmp.conductor@gmail.com.**

Deadline for all materials: Monday, February 15, 2027

Participant selection will be announced on Monday, March 15, 2027.