



# What to do before you get here!

Getting Prepared to Study Tuba-Euphonium at SFA

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There are many steps that need to be taken into consideration when applying to a university. The following should be used as a guide to prepare yourself if you are interested in studying tuba-euphonium at Stephen F. Austin State University. It is my hope that these suggestions will help ease your transition into one of the most important decisions in the next phase of your education.

## Administrative

- E-mail Account
  - The advent of the internet requires you to have an email address for not only your educational career but for many other everyday services. If you do not currently have internet access, I recommend that you open an account through one of the many free providers such as [hotmail](#), [gmail](#), or [yahoo](#).
  - **Your email address will serve as your identity for many forms & applications throughout your educational career. Avoid using email addresses that may appear offensive or unprofessional.**
  
- Visit w/ High School Counselor
  - Your guidance counselor is one of your most valuable resources for local scholarships.
  - Know your class ranking & current GPA
  
- Prepare for SAT or ACT
  - Take advantage of [prep classes & manuals](#) that are offered.
  - Try to get the best possible results even if you must retake the exam.

- Complete SFA Application for Admission
  - Review the [Stephen F. Austin State University](#) Website for admission requirements.
  - Complete the [online application](#)
  
- Financial Aid Applications
  - Fill out the [FASFA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) even if you feel you do not qualify for assistance.
  - Fill out the [SFA Scholarship Application](#) Form Online
  - Fill out [SFA School of Music Scholarship Form](#)
  - Fill out any scholarship applications available through your school or community.
  
- School of Music Audition & School Visit
  - Contact the [SFA School of Music](#) to set up an audition or make plans to attend one of the [preset audition dates](#).

### **Equipment & Repertoire**

It would be a great advantage for you to review the syllabus located on the Stephen F. Austin State University Tuba-Euphonium Studio Website and purchase the required materials. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

#### **Required**

- Metronome & Tuner
- Personal Mouthpiece & Valve Oil
- Method Books

#### **Suggested**

- Personal Instrument
  - School instruments are provided for all SFA tuba-euphonium majors but purchasing your own instrument will provide you with a more personal musical experience. If finances are unavailable, it would be helpful to explore options that will assist in purchasing an instrument prior to the students' graduation. **Purchasing a tuba or euphonium is an important investment so please consult with me prior to making your purchase.**

- Tuxedo or Concert Black Attire for Ladies
  - A tuxedo or conservative concert black attire is standard for all concert performances. While you have the option to rent a tuxedo before each concert, it makes financial sense to purchase your own. Rental stores often have great deals on used tuxedos.

### **Suggested Preparation & Education**

- Contact w/ Professor before Audition
  - Your professor will serve as your advisor during your undergraduate career so please feel free to contact him/her if you have any questions or need advice on your audition repertoire.
- Review a Beginning Music Theory Book
  - One of most challenging aspects of being music major is learning the academic side of music. This includes music theory, aural skills, and music history. There are many resources available at local bookstores or music stores that may help you get a head start.
- Scales
  - A common issue with most incoming freshmen is the inability to play all of the Major scales and all forms of the minor scales (natural, harmonic, & melodic). It would be to your great advantage to start practicing these scales before you arrive for your first year.