UCCS Honors Scholarship Ensembles

Honors Ensembles are made up of small chamber, jazz, other small groups, and/or soloists. Awards are based on the quality of musicianship and level of repertoire in the audition. Awardees are given a scholarship in amounts from $500 - $1000 for the semester, to be determined based on the number of students accepted. These scholarships will be awarded in the form of tuition refunds. Honors ensemble are given coaching, professional development oversight, and will be obligated to perform several events on and off campus.

Mountain Lion Brass Quintet
Amount: up to $2,000/year

Brass Quintet Scholarships are available for membership in this UCCS student Brass Quintet - two trumpets, French horn, trombone, tuba / bass trombone. Members embark on either Music Major Track and receive coaching and membership from UCCS’s world-class brass faculty. Moreover, members will work with national and internationally renowned visiting artists every year. This quintet will perform professionally in the region, and, when ready, will attend regional and national conferences and competitions. Students also perform in the Mountain Lion Athletics Band during basketball season.

Mountain Lion Jazz Combo
Amount: up to $2,000/year

Scholarships are available for jazz musicians for membership in this UCCS student jazz combo - available to bass, guitar, drums, horns and vocalists. Members embark on either Music Major Track and receive coaching and membership from UCCS’s world-class jazz faculty. Moreover, members will work with national and internationally renowned visiting artists every year. This quintet will perform professionally in the region, and, when ready, will attend regional and national conferences and competitions. Students also perform in the Mountain Lion Athletics Band for basketball season.

Mountain Lion Chamber Players
Amount: up to $2,000/year

The Mountain Lion Chamber Players is open to all instrumentalists and vocalists and is comprised of small chamber ensembles, soloists, as well as creative music groups. Applicants should possess solo and chamber music experience (both traditional and contemporary repertoire). Auditions are held at the beginning of each semester and ensembles are built on high levels of musicianship and ensemble needs. The Chamber Players are coached by faculty and perform at several events on campus each semester including commencement.
Fall 2015 Audition Days/Times

Thursday, 10 September (9:30am-noon) & Friday, 11 September (2:00-5:00pm) Honors Ensemble Auditions - University Hall 168

For the audition, students should prepare two pieces appropriate to your style of emphasis and area of expertise. Although priority will go to students involved in the music program - music majors, minors, students in ensembles, and students enrolled in private instruction.

To sign up for an audition time, please contact Dr. Colin McAllister (cmcallis@uccs.edu, or 719-255-5134)

Other Scholarship possibilities

Mountain Lion Athletics Band Scholarship
Amount: $500-$1000/year
Open to: woodwinds, brass, rhythm section (piano, guitar, bass, drums)

The Mountain Lion Athletics Band performs during basketball season, and also gives a concert at the end of each semester. Auditions are held for this group after the first meeting of the semester. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be enrolled in MUS 2210.

Chamber Orchestra of the Springs (COS)
Amount: variable
Open to: available open seats

Students receive one ensemble credit and a scholarship for membership in this semi-professional orchestra and work directly with Thomas Wilson, Director of the COS. Rehearsals and performances are off-campus.

Work Study Opportunities!

In addition to merit-based scholarships, work study positions are available that serve as professional development opportunities, including audio production, marketing / advertising, graphic design, inventory and scheduling, and assisting the music director and program coordinator in a range of duties. Creativity and problem solving are key aspects of these positions. If you have been awarded work study, please contact Dr. McAllister (cmcallis@uccs.edu, or 719-255-5134).