



DELAWARE HONORS GUITAR ENSEMBLE

GUEST CONDUCTOR: GLEN MCCARTHY, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

APPLICATIONS:

- Application and application spreadsheet can be downloaded from the all-state page of www.delawaremea.org. **Please note that the Honors guitar application is not the same application as the All-State ensembles.** Please be sure to use the correct application.
- Signatures indicate that the students, parents, teachers, and administrators understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations on the application as well as those found in the Delaware All-State Operations Manual.
- Send completed applications with one check per school to:

Brian Drumbore
Mount Pleasant High School
5201 Washington St. Ext.
Wilmington, DE 19809

- Only checks from the school, school district, booster organization, or band director will be accepted. Do not send individual checks from parents or students.
- Applications must be postmarked by October 17, 2017. Applications postmarked between October 18 and October 24 will be accepted with a \$60 late fee per application. Applications postmarked after October 24 will not be accepted.
- Email your director's spreadsheet to brian.drumbore@bsd.k12.de.us

AUDITIONS:

- Auditions will be held Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Smyrna Middle School; 700 Duck Creek Parkway; Smyrna, Delaware 19977
- Directors are required to participate in auditions or send a qualified substitute. Directors with students auditioning for multiple ensembles (band, orchestra, guitar) will be assigned by the All-State Coordinator. Directors are required to participate even if your students decide to not audition.
- There will be an additional \$60 fee for students who are selected to participate in the 2018 Honors Guitar Ensemble.

REHEARSALS AND CONCERT:

- Rehearsals and concert will be held at a location to be announced. Students must be sure they are available for the full rehearsal & performance schedule. No student will be excused from any part of a rehearsal.
 - March 1-3: rehearsal, 9am-4pm
 - March 3: dress rehearsal, 9am-noon
 - March 3: concert, 6pm

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must be in grades 7-12
- Students must meet **one** of the following criteria:
 - Be a member of a full year, credit-bearing guitar course in a Delaware public, private, or parochial school. Semester long courses or “exploratory classes” are not eligible.
 - Be a member in an ensemble in a Delaware public, private, or parochial school where guitar is their primary instrument (e.g. jazz band, guitar ensemble, show choir band)
 - Be a full-year member of a traditional performing ensemble (band, orchestra, choir, jazz) in a Delaware public, private, or parochial school on another instrument (e.g. plays alto saxophone in the school’s concert band and plays guitar outside of school).
- The sponsoring teacher must be a NAFME/DMEA member for the full school year in which the student participates.
- Students must audition and perform on an acoustic instrument. Nylon string (classical) or steel string acoustics may be used. No electric instruments will be allowed. Students may audition either finger style or pick style.