

Delaware Music Educators Association
2017-2018 Honors Guitar Ensemble Application

All applications must be postmarked by October 17, 2017 and must include the **\$15.00 application fee *per application***. Late applications will be accepted as long as they are postmarked by October 24, 2017 and include an additional \$50.00 late fee per application (total of \$65.00 per late application). **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH A POSTMARK LATER THAN OCTOBER 24, 2017.** Please do not send applications through the State Mail System. Students who are selected for an All-State Ensemble will be required to pay a \$60 registration fee.

All applications must be complete with the required signatures affixed. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Directors must also submit (by the deadline dates stated above) the required Application Spreadsheet for their school to the designated committee member for each ensemble. Students will not be scheduled for an audition without both parts of the application.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____ Phone _____

Parent Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Students must audition for Honors Guitar on either a steel-string acoustic guitar or a nylon-string classical guitar. No electric instruments or bass guitars.

School _____

Director of your qualifying school ensemble _____

Director Email Address _____

NAfME Membership Number and Expiration date: _____

DIRECTORS, PLEASE:

1) SEND YOUR STUDENTS' COMPLETED FORMS AND ONE CHECK FROM EACH SCHOOL PER EVENT TO THE DESIGNATED RECEIVING COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR EACH EVENT. IF MAILING, PLEASE SEND THROUGH U.S. MAIL. Individual personal checks from parents will not be accepted. PLEASE keep the receipt in case we have to track the package/envelope.

2) EMAIL THE **DMEA APPLICATION SPREADSHEET** (AVAILABLE ON THE DMEA WEBSITE) TO THE CHAIR OR DESIGNATED COMMITTEE MEMBER **FOR EACH EVENT.** DOCUMENTS SENT TO THE INCORRECT COMMITTEE MEMBER WILL NOT BE FORWARDED OR PROCESSED.

SIGNATURES: MY SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED DMEA ALL-STATE CONTRACT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE ALL-STATE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AS PUBLISHED IN THE OPERATIONS MANUAL AT www.delawaremea.org.

Student: _____

Director: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Building Principal: _____

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All-State Ensembles Contract

DMEA makes available to teachers, students, parents, and administrators the All-State Operations Manual. All interested persons are encouraged to read the rules and regulations for the responsibilities of students and teachers of students auditioning for and participating in All-State ensembles. Important points to consider prior to submitting an application include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Event and rehearsal dates and times are published well in advance. **Students may not be absent from any portion of any rehearsal or performance for any reason. Students whose personal calendar precludes them from fulfilling this requirement are not eligible for an audition.**
- Students must meet all eligibility requirements specified in the Operations Manual, available online at www.delawaremea.org.
- All information provided on the application must be accurate and complete. Failure to complete the application properly or providing false information may be cause for the application to be rejected.
- Students will be auditioned before an impartial panel based on criteria set forth by DMEA.
- Students who fail to present themselves for auditions at the specified time and place will not be auditioned at a later time or place.
- If a student is chosen for the Honors Guitar Ensemble and elects not to participate for any reason, he/she will not be eligible for the Honors in Music Award.
- All students selected to participate in the Honors Guitar Ensemble event must comply with the published dress code. Students who do not comply with the dress code **WILL NOT** be allowed on the concert stage.
- DMEA will publish a list of candidates who have been selected for the Honors Guitar Ensemble.
- **Each director (or their designated qualified representative) submitting one or more applications must be present at All-State/Honors Guitar Ensemble auditions and rehearsals to serve in the capacity as assigned by the respective All-State Committee. Directors are obligated to work auditions even if the student elects to not complete the audition.** If a school is not adequately represented, student applications and ensemble participation are forfeited.
- Ensemble directors who sign this application must be active DMEA / NAFME members during the entire current school year, verified by DMEA. As a participating member and agent of DMEA, the signing director is expected to uphold all DMEA All-State policies and regulations. Directors who falsely attest to their membership, or fail to uphold DMEA All-State regulations are subject to sanctions, including, but not limited to, the forfeiture of all applications from their schools, as well as the removal of all their students from current and possibly future All-State events.
- Students and adults participating in All-State and Honors Guitar Ensemble events, including auditions, are expected to exhibit exemplary behavior at all times. This expectation extends to compliance with any rules and policies established by the host school and/or school district. Such rules include, but are not limited to, those governing the usage of cell phones and the wearing of headwear in the building, as well as designated waiting and parking areas, and all security procedures. Additionally, all students and adults attending rehearsals shall exhibit exemplary rehearsal behaviors at all times. Persons who refuse to comply with these expectations will be dismissed from the event, at the discretion of the Event Committee and / or the All-State Coordinator.

The signatures of the student, his/her guardian, the signing director, and building principal, on the application indicates that all parties have read through the expectations above and agree to abide by all of the All-State Rules and Regulations, as published in the Operations Manual at www.delawaremea.org.