

# Delaware All State Orchestra

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome Back!! We hope that everyone had a restful summer and you are off and running with the new school year! It is that time again for Delaware All-State Orchestra. There will be a few slight changes from last year, so please make sure that you read this entire letter. If this is your first year (or even if you are a veteran), please make sure you familiarize yourself with the rules for All-State for both students and teachers. The guidelines are posted on the Delaware Music Educators Association (DMEA) website at [www.delawaremea.org](http://www.delawaremea.org) under the All-State tab. It is important that we all adhere to the guidelines; also, please make sure your membership is up to date. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. I am excited to be the chair of All-State Orchestra this year!

## Applications

There are *three* parts to the application process that must be submitted for applications to be considered complete and for students to be scheduled for an audition. These include the **completed paper application** for each student, **electronic application spreadsheet**, and **one consolidated check** for the application fee. Applications will only be considered complete if the applications with payment are postmarked **AND** spreadsheets are emailed by October 17, 2017. The 2017-2018 All State application can be found on the DMEA website ([www.delawaremea.org](http://www.delawaremea.org)).

**Please mail applications and check to:**

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**Email application Excel spreadsheet to:**

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**The application fee is \$15.00 per student.** Please remember to carefully check the accuracy and completeness of each application and to send a **CONSOLIDATED CHECK** made out to **DMEA** from your school or booster organization on/before the postmark of October 17th. Application packets that are not complete or contain several checks and/or cash will be returned. **A late fee of \$50.00 per student along with the original \$15.00 (\$65.00 total per late application) fee must accompany any applications postmarked after October 24, 2017.** A \$50 late fee per

school will be added to any school who does not submit the electronic application spreadsheet by **October 17, 2017**. No applications of any kind will be accepted if they are postmarked after **October 24, 2017**.

## Auditions

**Saturday, January 20th** – Location TBD; Bad Weather Date – January 27th.

**PLEASE CHECK ALL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY, PARTICULARLY SCALES.** ALL directors are required to participate on that day, or to supply a qualified substitute. If you send in applications, please plan to be there – even if your students end up not auditioning! High School Band Directors will attend senior band auditions. Orchestra auditions are the same day as the Senior Band, Junior and Jazz Band auditions. We will need the help of every available/qualified DMEA member to help with auditions. Please help us to recruit adjudicators & monitors. If selected as an All-State Orchestra member, an additional fee will be required for each student.

## Rehearsals

Please give these dates to all of your students. Attendance is required at every minute of every rehearsal!

<b>March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup></b> (Thur.-Fri.) Rehearsals	<b>9am-4pm</b>	<b>Location: TBD</b>
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b> (Sat.) Rehearsal	<b>1-3pm</b>	<b>Concert 4pm</b>
		<b>Location:TBD</b>