

2019 WMEA Junior All-State Honor Groups



Program overview

Grades 7 and 8

WMEA Junior All-State honor groups, grades seven and eight, include Baker Band, Rainier Band, Mixed Choir, Treble Choir and Orchestra. Selected students will gather in Vancouver on Saturday, February 16 for their rehearsal and concert. Junior All-State is a single day event. **The entire application and audition process is done online and must be completed by October 4.** Direct technical assistance for teachers is available throughout the process at jrtech@wmea.org.

2019 WMEA Junior All-State Conductors

Baker Band---Lewis Norfleet, Central Washington University/ Rainier Band---Sam Ormson, Evergreen School District/
Mixed Choir---Marc A. Hafso, Whitworth University/ Treble Choir---Leora Schwitters, Kent School District, retired/
Orchestra---Paul Luongo, Whitman College/ Youth Choir---Judy Harrington, Tacoma Youth Chorus.

Eligibility---Teacher

WMEA Honor Groups are organized exclusively for students of classroom WMEA member educators only. Teachers must maintain current membership from the time of application through honor group performances. By using our online application/audition system, teachers attest that: 1. they are the WMEA member teacher of the applicant, and have the student under their direction in a performing group corresponding with the honor group for which the student is applying; 2. that a WMEA member teacher from the applicant's school was present at the time the audition recording was made. Refer to <http://www.wmea.org/Content/C142/GoverningPolicy.pdf> for complete policy guidelines.

Eligibility---Students

Students must be in grade 7 or 8 and regularly participating members in the school music performing group, offered for credit, corresponding with the honor group for which they are applying. Please refer to <http://www.wmea.org/Content/C142/GoverningPolicy.pdf> for complete eligibility definitions. Regular participation in that school music group must continue through the honor group performance. Students interested in applying in more than one category will need to submit a separate application, payment, and recorded audition for each area. **By applying, all students, parents and teachers agree that if selected, students are required to attend all rehearsals, and remain with their honor group from check-in through the concert.**

Group assignments

Treble voice singers chosen for grades 7-8 Junior All-State will be assigned to either Mixed Choir or Treble Choir. Tenor/baritone voice singers will be placed in Mixed Choir. Those selected in "winds and percussion" will be assigned to either Baker Band or Rainier Band. Strings will be placed in Orchestra, although a string bassist may be added to one or both bands.

Expense and transportation

Application Fee: \$10.00 due with application. All audition payments must be made by credit card and instructions are provided within the online application process. (Application fees are waived if your school is an Associate Member of WMEA.) Please note that if a student anticipates needing financial assistance to participate if ultimately selected, **application to receive those funds needs to be submitted by the audition close date of October 4.** See the **WMEA Young Musicians Excelling fund** page for complete information.

Participation Fee: \$115.00 due immediately after notification of acceptance. Participation fees cover lunch and all administrative costs. Payment must be processed through the student's school. **Limited financial assistance is available from the WMEA Young Musicians Excelling fund. Please see the separate page detailing that process.**

Transportation: Each school, in cooperation with and understanding of students' parents/guardians, must arrange transportation to and from Vancouver.

Critical Dates

Saturday, September 1	Online application and audition window opens
Thursday, October 4	Online application and audition window closes (11:59 PM)
Monday, October 29	Notification of acceptance/registration information emailed to teachers
Wednesday, November 21	Early bird postmark deadline of registration forms and all fees for early mailing of music. We will make every effort to mail music prior to December vacations.
Monday, December 3	Final postmark deadline for registration forms and all fees (\$10 late processing fee per student after this date). Alert: this date will not be extended for any reason, including potential inclement weather.
Monday, January 7	Mailing of music to teachers/schools begins (for those not meeting early mailing deadline)
Saturday, February 16	Junior All-State in Vancouver

Audition/Application Checklist And Reminders for Teachers

- ✓ **Ensure your NA/ME/WMEA membership is current and will remain current through February 2019. Test your online access early** and often. Teachers cannot access online application forms, nor submit applications/auditions unless membership is current. **Warning**—NA/ME does not finalize membership renewal until checks have cleared, credit cards approved or purchase orders paid by the school/district. Renewal can be done online (www.nafme.org), by phone (1-800-828-0229), or mail. **We cannot extend application deadlines due to membership issues.** Check your online access early and often.
- ✓ **Distribute the “Student Application Worksheet” and audition materials to qualified students. This worksheet is for teacher use only. Please do not mail to WMEA.**
- ✓ **Complete and submit the online application and upload recordings through OpusEvent via www.wmea.org. Deadline is October 4.** Detailed instructions found online with the application/recording pages. **Mail YME application for students needing financial assistance should they be selected.**
- ✓ **Pay with a credit card as instructed online.** (Associate Member School audition fees are waived and you will be able to upload files at no charge.)

For additional information regarding the All-State Honor Group program, contact:
Bruce Gutgesell, WMEA Student Events Coordinator, bruceg@wmea.org.
Technical questions should be directed to jrtech@wmea.org.



**WMEA
Young Musicians
Excelling**
Washington Music Educators Association
Student Events Annual Fund

WMEA Junior All-State Financial Assistance

19105 36th Avenue West, Suite 213 • Lynnwood, WA 98036
1-800-324-WMEA • 425-712-WMEA • 425-776-1795 (FAX)
office@wmea.org • www.wmea.org

The **WMEA Young Musicians Excelling** fund is pleased to provide monies and services that provide assistance to Washington students of genuine limited financial means.

This year's WMEA student Junior All-State participants' cost is \$115 per student. For students who TRULY need financial assistance, please follow the steps below:

1. Print out a copy of this form.
2. Ask your music teacher how much your school will assist with costs, and then put that amount on line **B** below.
3. Complete the rest of this form to the best of your ability. **Be sure to fill in lines C, D and E.**
4. Have your parents and school music teacher sign the form and sign it yourself.
5. You or your school music teacher should send it to:

WMEA –YME Assistance Program
19105 36th Avenue West, Suite 213
Lynnwood, WA 98036

That request must be postmarked on or before **October 4, 2018**. If you are accepted in a WMEA All-State honor group, your teacher will be notified by e-mail of how much assistance you have been granted (it may not be all you ask, as the available funds must be distributed equitably). All requests are handled in confidence separately from the auditions and do not impact whether or not you are selected for honor groups.

THIS IS STRICTLY NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES ONLY.
IT IS ESTABLISHED ON AN HONOR SYSTEM.
Please ask ONLY for assistance based on true need.
THIS IS NOT A "SCHOLARSHIP."

Financial Assistance Application 2019 Junior All-State Honor Groups, (grades 7 and 8)

Student: _____

School/City: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

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| A. | Junior honor group participation fee:..... | \$ | 115.00 |
| B. | Amount my school will pay (subtract):..... | \$ | _____ |
| C. | Balance due from me:..... | \$ | _____ |
| D. | Amount I can reasonably afford (subtract):..... | \$ | _____ |
| E. | Amount of assistance requested:..... | \$ | |

Please attempt to provide a portion of the cost yourself (line D).

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Our signatures attest this is a true financial need for support as requested.

School Music Teacher (Print) _____ E-mail _____

School Music Teacher Signature _____ Date: _____

My signature acknowledges this request for support as a reasonable need.

Forms missing one or more signatures will be returned for completion.

Student Application Worksheet

Junior All-State Applicants: Please provide all information asked for below, completely and accurately.

Return this form to your teacher. Teachers: This information is for your use only. Do not mail to WMEA.

Name (first, last):

T-Shirt Size: (Youth med, Adult sm, A med, A lg)

Gender: Male

Female

Height (in inches, Voice Applicants Only):

Home Street Address:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Home City/State/Zip:

Grade in School: 7th 8th

Home Phone:

Instrument or Voice Category (ies) of Audition(s):

Parent email:

Required Parent Signature:

By signing this form, I grant permission for my daughter/son to audition for, and should they be selected, participate in a 2019 WMEA Junior All-State group.

I also understand that auditioning for this honor represents a commitment to participate, should she/he be assigned to an All-State group.

_____ (parent signature)

_____ (date)

All honor group applications and auditions must be submitted using OpusEvent accessed via www.wmea.org.

Unless recording “live” to your computer, you must record all audition tracks and upload them using one of the following supported audio file types:

aac	Advanced Audio Coding	mp3	mp3 audio file
ac3	Audio Coding 3	oga	Ogg Vorbis Compressed Audio File
aif	Audio Interchange File Format	ogg	Ogg Vorbis Compressed Audio File
amr	Adaptive Multi-Rate Codec File	sf2	Soundfont
au	Audio File	sfark	sfArk Compressed SoundFont
caf	Core Audio Format	voc	Creative Labs Audio File
flac	Free Lossless Audio Codec	wav	Wave Audio File
m4a	MPEG-4 Audio Layer	weba	WebA Audio File
m4b	MPEG-4Audio Book	wma	Windows Media File

Submitting Your Audition

You have a choice of **two** ways to submit audition recordings. One is to **upload** using one of the above supported audio file types you have recorded. The other is to **record “live”** directly into the computer using the built in microphone, or by attaching an external microphone.

Please refer to the 2019 OpusEvent Tutorial posted online for detailed step-by-step instructions.



WMEA Junior All-State Audition Material

Junior All-State audition materials are accessed via a separate link on our website at:

www.wmea.org

Left panel, “Student Events,” then “WMEA All-State,” then “7-8 Honor Groups.”

Please go to that address to print out the exercises.