

NYSSMA[®]
OUTSTANDING SCHOOL AWARD

For schools within the Buffalo, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse and
Yonkers city school districts

INSTRUCTIONS

The NYSSMA[®] Outstanding School Award is presented to schools that act as models for music education school programs in New York State. The school should provide a well-rounded music program. Schools/districts must be NYSSMA[®] members.

This application should provide a profile of your school's music program and to offer you an opportunity to comment on factors especially important to your school.

The quality of the written document will have considerable influence on how the Awards and Recognition Committee evaluates your application. Complete descriptions of your school policies, programs and practices are essential ingredients of a successful application. Failure to directly and correctly address each question can result in an unfavorable review even though the school's music program is, in reality, quite excellent.

Please complete all items for a successful application.

1. All responses must be typed.
2. Any additional material submitted must be no larger than 8.5 x 11.
3. All questions on the application form must be answered. Please do not answer, "See Supporting Materials."
4. All applications must be signed.
5. No more than two (2) Outstanding School Awards will be given each year

Presentation:

The Awards and Recognition Committee will recommend the recipient to the NYSSMA[®] President who will notify said recipient of the award. The award may be presented at a local function.

This form with all additional material should be mailed to:

Susan L. Weber

Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson

588 Haddon Lane, East Meadow, NY 11554

or e-mailed to awards@NYSSMA.org

Applications must be received by June 15.

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APPLICATION FORM

Name of City: _____

Name of School Building: _____

Address: _____

Music Administrator: _____ Title: _____

(in the absence of a music administrator, teacher applicant)

Signature of Applicant: _____ E-Mail: _____

Applicant's Home Telephone No.: () _____

Applicant's School Telephone No.: () _____

Signature of Immediate Supervisor: _____

(print name)

(signature)

Title: _____

School Principal Name: _____

School Principal Signature: _____

Principal's Telephone No. () _____

NYSSMA[®] Zone No.: _____ Zone Representative: _____

DEADLINE – June 15

All entries must be postmarked by the deadline date.

Those postmarked after the deadline date will be returned unopened.

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SECTION I

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

1. Grades are housed in your school. e. g., K-6, 5-8, 9-12, etc.: _____
2. Total school enrollment: _____
3. Is your school?
Transient Stable Growing Declining Mixed
4. Total school music teaching staff: _____
#Full time _____ #Part time _____ # NYSSMA[®] members _____
5. Is your district considered?
Urban Suburban Rural Combination
6. Total school music budget, excluding salaries, provided by the Board of Education:

7. Explain #6 by identifying the budget areas and amount spent in each below:
 - a. Equipment _____
 - b. Supplies _____
 - c. Festivals/contests _____
 - d. Music/textbooks _____
 - e. Instrument repairs _____
 - f. Guests/Artists in residence _____
 - g. other _____
8. Are all teachers of music in your school NY State certified music teachers? _____
If not, explain and note which courses/classes are taught by other than New York State Certified music teachers.

9. Please clarify and/or add any additional information that will help the committee understand why your school should receive this award.

SECTION II

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

1. Is music part of the school master schedule? Yes No
2. Does the music faculty participate in the planning and teaching of interdisciplinary courses? Yes No

Give Examples:

3. How do you incorporate current technology in your curricular offerings?
4. Define the ways your district supports music staff development.
5. Does your school encourage music staff participation in professional conferences?
 Yes No

8. NYSSMA[®] /All- County involvement? Please indicate number of students involved per grade:

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Solo and Ensemble Evaluation Festival (in house/NYSSMA [®])													
PEAK Festival													
All-County Festival													
Area All-State Festival													
All-State													

9. In what ways is your building actively involved in NYSSMA[®] /All-County activities

10. Has your school hosted in the past 5 years?

	Year	Year	Year	Year
NYSSMA [®] Solo & Ensemble Festival				
NYSSMA [®] Major Ensemble Festival				
PEAK Festival				
All-County Festival				
Area All State Festival				

11. Does your school provide time for small group/lesson instruction?

Band	
Chorus	
Orchestra	
Jazz	
Other	

12. Please include an overview of the classroom music programs. Examples of content, special projects, basis of evaluation of students and goals should be included. This question may be answered by using no more than two additional pages, identified as question #12 and numbered 12A and 12B. A supplemental addendum may be attached for reference but must be limited to, and identified as pertaining to question #12 only. You may submit a curriculum outline in lieu of the overview.

13. Please attach any student assessment tool/reports to parents. Please identify any such attachments as pertaining to item #13.

14. NYSSMA[®] ADJUDICATION FESTIVAL REPORT Attach copies of front page of rating sheets for all participating NYSSMA Majors groups. Identify as #14.

15. Please submit programs and recordings representative of pieces and/or excerpts of each large performing ensemble in the building, labeled to include level and type of program.

SECTION III
MUSIC PROGRAM GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT

1. Does your school have a music policy handbook? Yes No

Date of last revision: _____ Please attach or include.

2. Does your Music Program have the support of:

(Please explain, e.g. informal classroom visits, concert attendance, etc.)

- a. Central Administration Yes No

Explain:

- b. Board of Education Yes No

Explain:

- c. Building Administration Yes No

Explain:

- d. Community Yes No

Explain:

REMINDER – PLEASE BE CERTAIN THAT ALL QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED.

Only complete applications will be considered

SECTION IV

UNIQUE PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS, ACHIEVEMENTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

Please take this opportunity to address areas not covered in the previous pages. Describe particularly innovative music educational concepts; unique programs, activities, awards (student or teacher), etc. Point out those things that justify consideration of this school award: