



NYSSMA Area All-State Music Festival

Instructions for Teacher Recommendations

Students in Grades 9-12 may be recommended for participation in the Zone 7 Area All-State Music Festival, **November 15th and 16th, 2019** at Saratoga Springs High School. In the event of a weather related cancellation, concert will be moved to Sunday, November 17th. Students may apply for Band, Chorus, Full Orchestra, and Jazz Band. Students must be participating members (with at least 50% attendance) in their corresponding school music groups, where such groups exist.

TIMELINE:

- Students submit the Permission Form to their school music teacher **in June 2019**. (This is a suggested date to give music teachers time to fill out forms before submission deadline.)
- Teachers may submit all applications through Google Form beginning on **June 14, 2019**. The Google Form will remain open until the postmarked deadline, **September 27, 2019**.
 - Google form: <https://tinyurl.com/Zone7AAS19> (Copy and paste into your browser.)
- Each school district will send a cover sheet with listed recommended students and a copy of the NYSSMA sheet for each student.
- **RECORDED** Auditions are required for Jazz Band only, and must be uploaded to Dropbox by **Friday, September 27, 2019**. Submit recordings at the following link.
 - <https://tinyurl.com/aasjazzaudition>The submitted recordings should be labeled with student name, instrument, and school district.
- Milt Lee is the Jazz Chairperson. If there are any questions please contact him at m_lee@saratogaschools.org.
- **JAZZ BAND RECORDED AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:**
 - Any level IV-VI jazz solo listed in the NYSSMA Manual
 - Improvisation (optional) For Bb Blues (all instruments except drums).
 - Drummers must demonstrate styles:
 - 16 measures each of medium swing and fast swing
 - 8 measures each of bossa, samba, ballad, waltz, funk

PROCEDURES:

- Keep all student Permission Forms from your school on file through the end of the festival. Do not send them to Festival Chair people.
- The Google form must be filled out for **each** applicant (see above in timeline). A separate google form should be filled out for each organization that student wishes to be considered.
- Send the completed cover sheet with all students listed and NYSSMA sheets attached from your school to:
 - Erica Nirsberger, Saratoga Springs HS, 1 Blue Streak Blvd., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.