Welcome to the Winter Conference Session Proposal Form for the NYSSMA® 2020 Winter Conference. This online form is for anyone wishing to present at the 2020 NYSSMA® conference, December 3 – December 6, 2020.

If you are applying on behalf of an Affiliate Organization (e.g. NYSBDA, NY-ASTA, etc.) please be sure you are either the president or president’s designee for the session to be considered.

If you are an Institutional Member applying for a SHOWCASE, please use this form. For more information on Institutional Membership please contact the NYSSMA® office at 516-997-7200 ext.12.

This year’s Conference is focusing on the impact music education has on our lives from early childhood through adulthood. Of course, all session proposals will be considered. If your session is accepted, all information submitted will be the information used in the printed conference program and app.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Russ Faunce, President-Elect at presidentelect@nyssma.org.

Application/Call for Performing Groups for the NYSSMA® 2020 Winter Conference

Available at www.nyssma.org – Submission Deadline: May 15, 2020

Conductors of traditional and emerging ensembles from all levels (elementary through college and community) who wish their groups to be considered to perform for one of the NYSSMA® Winter Conference Concert Hours to be held in Rochester, December 3 - December 6, 2020 must fill out the online application completely. To facilitate the completion of this application, please have the following available for upload:

A. Projected number of students/persons who will perform
B. The group director’s name, NYSSMA® (NAfME) membership number, home address, school address, home and school phone numbers, home and school email addresses.
C. Dates and Locations of group’s previous performances at NYSSMA® or other Association Conferences (if applicable).
D. Copies of the last two years NYSSMA® Major Organization Evaluation Festival Ratings (if applicable) (to be uploaded).
E. Letter of Approval from the Chief School Administrator or Organization Official (to be uploaded)
F. Copies of recent concert programs (to be uploaded)
G. Recordings of three (3) compositions by the group in performance. This is to be done as three (3) separate files (to be uploaded). Name each file as title.format (e.g. starsandstripes.mp3)

Conductors will be notified of the outcome of their application on or before June 19, 2020

Conductors of accepted performing organizations should be aware of the following:

A. Participating organizations and schools must assume ALL financial responsibilities of their performance at the conference.
B. Each accepted organization will be responsible for making its own lodging and food arrangements.
C. Participating schools will accept the performance and rehearsal times and lengths as scheduled by the committee and will furnish all musical equipment.
D. If it is necessary to stay overnight, all school organizations will adhere to rules established by NYSSMA® and will provide an ample number of adult chaperones.
E. The purpose of the Concert Hour performances is to offer the opportunity for outstanding ensembles from various levels (elementary, secondary, college, community, etc.) to perform for the attendees at the winter conference. We, therefore, request that participating groups not include professional artists performing with their ensemble.
F. Directors of non-traditional ensembles, and those representing diverse populations from across New York State, are encouraged to apply.

Conductors of accepted performing organizations must notify President Elect Russ Faunce by July 3, 2020, if they are accepting the offer to perform.