



NYSSMA®

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Dear NYSSMA 2021 All-State/Alternate Junior:

Congratulations on your selection as a participant or alternate in the 2021 NYSSMA All-State Ensembles. This distinction has made you eligible for nomination by your high school ensemble teacher for consideration for placement in the National Association for Music Education 2022 National Honors Ensembles, to rehearse and perform November 3-6, 2022 in Washington DC. You have the opportunity to be among the approximately 50 students who will be selected from New York to represent our state in the National Honors Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Jazz Band.

Only Juniors selected for participation or alternate status in the 2021 NYSSMA All-State Ensembles are eligible to apply. These students must also be a member of their school's major ensemble corresponding with the Honor Ensemble for which the application is made, receive an endorsement from their ensemble director and the principal of the school the student attends, and the student's recommending teacher **MUST** be a current, active member of NAfME/NYSSMA.

Additionally, **students selected for the National All-Honors Ensembles will be expected to participate in the National Ensemble and will NOT be eligible to participate in NYSSMA's 2022 All-State groups.** Students are encouraged to complete a Spring 2022 All-State audition, as there are no guarantees of acceptance in the 2022 All-National Honors Ensembles.

For more specific information and to complete the application process please see the following web page on the NAfME website: <https://nafme.org/programs/all-national-honor-ensembles>. **The deadline for your teacher to complete the application is May 27, 2022.** Please follow these instructions carefully and consult with your high school ensemble teacher if you require any further information.

Lastly, please take a moment to review the NAfME vaccination policy with your parents/guardian that is clearly stated on the application home page. Again, congratulations on your superb musical achievements!

Sincerely,

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