

2023 NAfME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles



Selection Procedure:

The NAfME Eastern Division Band, Orchestra, Mixed Choir, Treble Choir, Jazz Ensemble and Modern Band are organized by NAfME members and managed by Eastern Division volunteers and NAfME staff. There is a General Chair and one manager for each of the six ensembles. The General Chair and Ensemble Managers, overseen by the NAfME Eastern Division board officers, make up the selection committee. The selection committee is composed completely of NAfME members who serve as the volunteer leaders for this program.

Each of the state presidents from the NAfME Eastern Division (CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, PA, VT, Europe) are asked to oversee the selection process in their state during the spring and early fall of the year before the event and to compile ranked lists of recommended juniors and seniors for consideration. How the lists are compiled may vary from state to state although all recommended students must have participated in their home all-state festivals or have been all-state alternates (with the exception of Modern Band). The selection committee is expected to make its decisions based on the following Formula:

Acceptances from each state are determined by a percentage of the total NAfME Eastern Division membership (e.g. if Maryland has six percent of the total active NAfME members in the Eastern Division at the end of the year prior to the event, Maryland will be given approximately six percent of the acceptances in the Band, Orchestra, and Mixed Choir). The membership percentages as of December 31, 2021 were as follows:

State Membership %

Connecticut 8% New Hampshire 2%
Delaware 2% New Jersey 15%
District of Columbia .5% New York 27%
European .5% Pennsylvania 26%
Maine 2% Rhode Island 2%
Maryland 5% Vermont 1%
Massachusetts 9%

The committee builds the ensembles from the state presidents' ranked lists, trying to maintain these percentages in each group. For the 2023 NAfME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles selection process, the NAfME Eastern Division state presidents received application instructions in September 2022 and disseminated to the schools in their states. Teachers distributed the application information to their students. Completed applications are to be submitted on or before the September 30 deadline. Notification of acceptances will occur in December 2022. Selected to perform in the 2023 All-Eastern Honors Ensembles will be the most musically talented high school students in the Eastern region of the United States. With assistance from their music teachers and directors, these exceptional students will prepare challenging programs under the leadership of prominent conductors in this biennial event.