



# 2025 NYSSMA Adjudicator Orientation Seminars

To be held at the following sites (please check **one**):

- \_\_\_ March 14-15      Jericho HS (piano only)      Zone 13
- \_\_\_ March 28-29      Kellenberg HS (no piano)      Zone 13
- \_\_\_ March 28-29      Byram Hills HS (piano only)      Zone 11
- \_\_\_ April 4-5      Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk HS      Zone 7
- \_\_\_ April 25-26      Buffalo Academy for VPA      Zone 1

**Times:** Regular Orientation: Friday 6:30 – 9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Second Area Orientation: Friday 7:00 – 9:30 pm  
All-State Orientation: Friday 3:15 – 6:15 pm  
Major Organizations: Friday 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

**---NYSSMA encourages a diversity of candidates to apply---**

1. Please check the category for which you are applying (sessions are contingent on enrollment):

- \_\_\_ **Regular Orientation\*\*** – for applicants who are not current NYSSMA adjudicators. A bachelor's degree in music and a minimum of one year full-time teaching experience (prior to 2024-25 school year) is required.
  - \_\_\_ **Second Area Orientation** – Candidate must be a NYSSMA adjudicator with a minimum of **two** festival seasons experience and a minimum of **four** judging assignments in their primary area.
  - \_\_\_ **All-State Orientation** – Candidate must be a NYSSMA adjudicator with a minimum of **four** festival seasons experience and a minimum of **eight** judging assignments in their primary area. *This requirement may be waived for Inst. and Vocal Jazz.*
  - \_\_\_ **Major Organizations Orientation** – Candidate must be a NYSSMA adjudicator with a minimum of **three** festival seasons experience and a minimum of **six** judging assignments in their primary area. In addition, a minimum of eight (8) years of successful teaching/conducting experience, along with participation in a minimum of five (5) M.O. Festivals or comparable events, is required.
- \*\*Regular adjudicators are required to demonstrate knowledge on all instruments in their area of orientation.**

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

- 2a. First Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2b. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2c. Circle preferred pronouns:    he/him    she/her    they/them
- 3. Proficient in language(s) other than English (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list language(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Preferred email address \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Zone \_\_\_ 6. County \_\_\_\_\_ 7a. Major Inst/Voice \_\_\_\_\_ 7b. Minor Inst/Voice \_\_\_\_\_
- 8a. School District \_\_\_\_\_ 8b. Primary School Building \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Cell Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. NAFME ID # (required) \_\_\_\_\_ 12. PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED (see below)
- 13a. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ 13b. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Circle **one** area below:

***Brass, Percussion, Piano, Woodwind, String (Guitar), Voice, Instrumental Jazz (All-State only),  
Vocal Jazz (All-State only), Major Organization Instrumental, Major Organization Choral***

**ALL candidates - Complete the following on a separate sheet of paper:**

- 15. Education and Private Study – schools, years, majors, degrees, teachers.
- 16a. Teaching Experience – schools, years, level of students.      16b. Performance Experience
- 17. Adjudication Experience – where, when, at a NYSSMA festival, age(s) and level(s) of students.
- 18. List the names and e-mail addresses of two NYSSMA members (non-related) who would endorse your application.
- 19. **Majors Candidates - list ratings your ensembles have received at M.O. Festivals or comparable events (minimum of FIVE).**

**\*\*\*\*Proof of current NAFME membership MUST be submitted with your application.**

**Proof may be in the form of: copy of NAFME card, or printout of NAFME "Print Membership Confirmation" page.**

**Please mail or email application to:**

Michael Robertson, Director of Adjudicators  
12 Torry Drive Hamburg, NY 14075

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2025**

[dirofadj@nyssma.org](mailto:dirofadj@nyssma.org)

**\*\*\*\* NYSSMA will provide overnight lodging for candidates, if desired. Please check here \_\_\_\_\_ if you would like to request a hotel room (single occupancy) for Friday night.**