

# Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association

## All-State Bands and Orchestras

**Dear MSBOA Director Members,**

As MSBOA continues to respond to the needs and wishes of its membership, we are pleased to announce the 11th year of the MSBOA All-State Bands and Orchestras. This event will be held in conjunction with the Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids in January. These MSBOA All-State ensembles are in response to numerous requests over the past several years for statewide honors groups, covering grades 7-12, with a standardized audition process. The MSBOA All-State Bands and Orchestras are not replacing the current Michigan Youth Arts Festival Honors Groups. Our thanks go out to our many members who put so much time and effort into making this event a reality. Much research was done as to how All-State events are run in other states and All-State conductors were interviewed nationwide as to how we can best serve our students.

### **Registration and Auditions**

All registrations for the All-State Ensemble Auditions must be made using the on-line process at [www.msboa.org](http://www.msboa.org). The invoices printed from those registrations must be postmarked no later than **OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**. When the invoices are received, they will be processed and an audition schedule will be made. Audition sites and times will be assigned according to the information provided. With the large number of auditions, time request will be honored where possible. The audition requirements for the different ensembles have been posted on the website. Student Auditions will be on October 31 & November 1. (District 10 will hold auditions Oct. 29 & 31. District 14 will hold auditions as follows: Oct. 29-Escanaba & Marquette; Oct. 31-Bothwell MS) Directors must fulfill a work assignment as a part of the process of hosting and recording the auditions across the state. One week later, a single panel of adjudicators for each instrument will listen to the recordings from all of the locations. (There will be one panel listening to flutes, another listening to violins, etc.) These adjudicators will then relay the selected students to the MSBOA Office in Okemos where it will be posted on the MSBOA website. More detailed information concerning housing and schedules will then be immediately mailed to the schools that had students selected for this high honor.

### **The All-State Weekend**

Students will rehearse Thursday starting in the late morning, all day Friday, and Saturday morning, January 21-23, 2016. The concert will be presented Saturday Jan. 23. All rehearsals and the performance will be in the DeVos Performance Hall as a part of the Michigan Music Conference (MMC) and will be open to registered convention attendees. In addition, the students selected for this honor will have access to the conference including exhibits and concerts. **Housing arrangements and expenses will be up to the directors and families of the selected students.**

**Please make copies of the appropriate enclosed Student Letter, provided in this mailing, so that students from each level will have information.** Best of luck to all of the students and directors as they prepare the audition for this exciting offering from MSBOA!

Sincerely,

Garret Ernst, Past President and All-State Chair

Please duplicate the 2015-2016 All-State Student Audition Worksheet for your students to complete so that you have all of the needed information for completing the on-line registration.

Remember: If a student wants to audition on Flute and Piccolo or Alto Sax and Tenor Sax, etc. - that is two auditions, two fees.

### **On-Line Registration Process**

- **Log in** to the website (username & password)
- Select **Members Only, click Event & Festival Registration**
- Under **Member Tools** select **Register for All-State**
- Then, enter the student's name in the field (if the student was previously entered for S & E, the name may "auto fill"), search for and select the performer you would like to register.
- Fill out the form fields
- **Click Register and Create another to register another performer or click register to finish registering**
- Go to **My Invoices** to generate and pay your invoice
- Print your Invoice
- Sign it & have your Principal sign it
- Include the payment and send to:

**MSBOA All-State Auditions  
3899 Okemos Rd. Suite B-1  
Okemos, MI 48864 - 3666**

We strongly suggest that you send the Invoice and Payment via "Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested" to verify your postmark.

➔ Due to the fast turn-around time line, **this deadline - OCTOBER 1 - is firm.**

There is no "Grace Period" or "Late Fee" option. If postmarked after October 1, the entries will be returned and not scheduled.

➔ If you have any problem meeting the deadline - signature problem, getting a check, computer problem etc. Call the State Office **BEFORE THE DEADLINE.** We will work with you to process your entry and allow your entries to be scheduled

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- **ALL-STATE BAND – Grades 7 & 8**
- **ALL-STATE STRING ORCHESTRA - Grades 7 & 8**

**Dear 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Orchestra Students of MSBOA Member Schools,**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra students from all of Michigan are invited to audition for the Michigan All-State Band or All-State String Orchestra. January 21 – 23, 2016 will be the 11<sup>th</sup> Michigan Music Conference (MMC) representing all of music education, and as part of the conference, there will be two middle school All-State ensembles. There will also be a high school band and full orchestra, however this notice is specifically for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

As a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade band or orchestra student, you are invited to audition for this honor. If selected from your audition, you will join hundreds of other top instrumentalists from all across the state of Michigan in Grand Rapids for this three-day event.

Your questions might be:

- How do I become part of this?
  - Students will audition to determine the top students at your age from all of Michigan.
- When are the auditions?
  - The dates for auditions are Saturday, October 31 & Sunday November 1. (Dist. 10 & 14 have other dates, please see your Director)
- Where are the auditions?
  - There will be a site close to your school. Sites will be announced to your director.
- What music do I play for the audition?
  - Students will play an etude, which your director will have for you. You will also be asked to play a few scales. Your director will also have the scales you will play. **There will also be a sight reading portion.**
- Is there a fee for participation?
  - There is a fee of \$10 to audition. i.e. someone auditioning on piccolo and Flute must pay \$20.00.
  - If selected, the fee is \$60.00
  - Other expenses such as housing, transportation and meals will be the students/parents responsibility.
- What is the Registration Deadline for auditions?
  - The postmark deadline for your All-State Application is October 1st. If you are interested in auditioning, please let your Director know before this date.

We look forward to your participation in this Michigan All-State Event.

Best wishes,  
MSBOA

# Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association

- **ALL-STATE BAND - Grades 9-12**
- **ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA - Grades 9-12**
- **ALL-STATE JAZZ ENSEMBLE - Grades 9-12**
- **Michigan Youth Arts Festival – MYAF – Grades 10-12**

Dear 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Orchestra Students of MSBOA Member Schools,

High school band and orchestra students in grades 9-12 are invited to audition for the Michigan All-State Band, Jazz Ensemble or All-State Orchestra. January 21 – 23, 2016 will be the 11th Michigan Music Conference (MMC) representing all of music education, and as part of the conference, there will be three high school All-State ensembles. There will also be two All-State groups for middle school students, however this notice is specifically for 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. If selected from your audition, you will join hundreds of other top instrumentalists from all across the state of Michigan in Grand Rapids for this three-day event.

**NOTE:** We will continue to have the Honors Band, Honors Orchestra and Honors Jazz, as part of the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May. The selection process for the MYAF will continue to be as in the past, that of your State Solo and Ensemble Proficiency Score. **ONLY** students in the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades qualify for the MYAF.

The All-State and MYAF are two separate opportunities, and have different criteria for acceptance. Students being accepted in All State have no guarantee for membership in the MYAF.

## **All-State (January) F A Q:**

- How do I become part of the All-State Band, Jazz Ensemble or Orchestra?
  - Students will audition to determine the top students at your age from all of Michigan.
- When are the auditions?
  - The dates for auditions are Saturday October 31 & Sunday November 1. (Dist. 10 & 14 have other dates, please see your Director)
- Where are the auditions?
  - There will be a site close to your school. Sites will be announced to your director.
- What music do I play for the audition?
  - Students will play an etude, which your director will have for you. You will also be asked to play a few scales. Your director will also have the scales you will play. **There will also be a sight reading portion.**
- Is there a fee for participation?
  - There is a fee of \$10 to audition. . i.e. someone auditioning on piccolo and Flute must pay \$20.00.
  - If selected, the fee is \$60.00
  - Other expenses such as housing, transportation and meals will be the students/parents responsibility.
- What is the Registration Deadline for auditions?
  - The postmark deadline for your All-State Application is October 1st. If you are interested in auditioning, please let your Director know before this date.

## **MYAF (May) Information:**

- Selection process remains the same – the results of the Proficiency Score from the State Solo and Ensemble Festival held on March 19. Directors have MYAF answers, as this program is not new.

We look forward to your participation in this Michigan All-State Event, and to continuing with the MYAF as well.

Best wishes,  
MSBOA

# 2015 – 2016 MSBOA All-State Student Audition Worksheet

**Directors: Registration for All-State Auditions is done on-line. You will need to enter the following information for each audition. We suggest that you copy and give this form to your students to complete so that you can enter the needed information.**

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade Level (circle):    7       8       9       10       11       12

Student's Home Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State MI ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Preferred Audition Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Preferred Audition Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Preferred Audition Time (Honored if possible) (circle one):

Early

Middle

Late

High School Winds and Percussion Only:

Preferred Ensemble - Honored if possible: (circle one):

HS Band

HS Orchestra