



## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL-STATE ENSEMBLES

All West Virginia students are encouraged to participate in All-State Ensembles. All-State eligibility requirements are as follows:

### Public and Private School Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be enrolled and participate in a West Virginia school ensemble that regularly rehearses and performs within the local school district.
2. Applicants must participate in a similar ensemble for which they are applying (i.e., choral applicants in choral ensembles, instrumental applicants in instrumental ensembles). Exceptions may be made when there is no eligible ensemble within the student's district (e.g., no elementary choir, or orchestra for strings players). Each All-State Chairperson and WVMEA President will determine student eligibility in these exceptions.
3. Applicants must be sponsored by their primary ensemble director/teacher, who must be a current member of WVMEA/ NAFME.
4. All-State Ensemble members must be accompanied to the annual WVMEA In-Service by his/her sponsoring teacher, who must be registered to attend.

### Home-Schooled Student Eligibility:

Home-schooled students are eligible to apply for WVMEA All-State Ensembles. The following criteria must be met:

1. Applicants must be enrolled and participate in a school ensemble that regularly rehearses and performs within the local school district wherein they reside with their parents or legal guardians. Home-schooled students must participate in a similar ensemble for which they are applying (i.e., choral applicants in choral ensembles, instrumental applicants in instrumental ensembles). Exceptions may be made when there is no eligible ensemble within the student's district (e.g., no elementary choir, or orchestra for strings players). Each All-State Chairperson and WVMEA President will determine student eligibility in these exceptions.
2. Applicants must be sponsored by their primary ensemble director/teacher, who must be a current member of WVMEA/NAfME.
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## **Community Ensembles**

WVMEA encourages participation in community ensembles, however such participation does not constitute the fulfillment of ensemble membership requirements. In some cases, community ensembles have collaborated with the local school board to offer a high school credit to those participants. If a WVEIS number/ course exists and is listed as a music course receiving a fine arts credit, exceptions can be made at the discretion of the All-State Chairperson and the Executive Board. The teacher/ director will be asked to provide proper documentation of such arrangement.

## **School Requirements**

Students must attend a school registered with the West Virginia Department of Education in order to participate.

## **Photo Release**

**Directors/ teachers: please share this with your auditionees. Compliance is mandatory to be considered.**

Parents and/or legal guardians of all students, both minor and of-age, who complete and pass the All State audition process **must** authorize the West Virginia Music Educators Association, hereafter referred to as WVMEA, to publish photographs, film and social media posts of minor child or children and their names and likenesses, for use in the WVMEA print, online and video-based marketing, its contractors, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of Beaver Media Productions, from liability for any claims by any parent or any third party in connection with the participation of the minor children, materials, as well as other WVMEA publications. Parents must release and hold harmless WVMEA from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for any participating minor child and children listed and associated with the images or video specified above.

## **Ramifications/ Sanctions**

1. If any ineligible student is found participating in an All-State ensemble, he/she will be immediately removed. He/she will be declared ineligible to audition the next year even if he/she meets requirements. All-State application fees or participation fees will not be returned.
2. Should any WVMEA member sign an All-State application for an ineligible student, no applications signed by that WVMEA member will be accepted the next year.