

LMEA All-State Choir – Audition Procedure 2020-21

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- March 12, 2021 – Received by District Director for adjudication
- March 26, 2021 – Quota sent to Vocal Chairman for Adjudication
- March 26, 2021 – Online registration must be completed
- April 10, 2021 – Results posted on lmeamusic.org website

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Audition fee = \$15

This fee can be paid by credit card through the online registration form or it can be paid by a school check sent to the district director. (If paying by credit card, there is a \$1 processing fee.)

BEFORE THE AUDITION

1. Only video auditions (mp4) will be accepted. No mp3, wave file, tapes or CDs allowed. Any auditions submitted via mail will not be accepted.
2. Be sure to use decent recording equipment.

DURING THE AUDITION

1. Each recording should contain three items: a spoken introduction and two singing requirements.
2. Do not sing with your student during the audition.
3. All Auditions must use the accompaniment track available on the lmeamusic.org website. The use of any other accompaniment is grounds for disqualification.
4. Do not add the melody to the accompaniment.
5. All recordings must be unedited – do not dub portions of the song onto one recording.
6. Singers may only audition on one voice part. Multiple submissions will result in disqualification.

AFTER THE AUDITION

1. Watch each student submission to make sure it is audible, complete and in the accepted format before submitting.
2. Please submit all video recordings to your district directors before the deadline. They will then be judged and added to the district's quota if they meet the criteria.

AUDITION PROCEDURE – SATB Mixed Choir

1. Spoken introduction: student must state his/her first and last name, grade level, and voice part.
2. Scales: Student must sing all scales using the starting pitch indicated for their voice part below. Scales must be sung a cappella using solfege, numbers, or a neutral syllable. Recommended tempo for scales is quarter note = 66-80. Each singer must sing two scales, each one ascending and descending.

Soprano I: E above middle C; G above middle C

Soprano II: E above middle C; A below middle C

Alto I: D above middle C; G below middle C

Alto II: D above middle C; F below middle C

Tenor I: F below middle C; A below middle C

Tenor II: G below middle C; C below middle C

Bass I: E below middle C; A below C3 (the C below middle C)

Bass II: D below middle C; F below C3 (the C below middle C)

3. **“Shenandoah”** arr. by Steven Sametz, SSAATTBB, Oxford University Press, 978-0-19-386633-1 (English)

Audition Tracks are available at <https://www.lmeamusic.org/all-state/choir/shenandoah-by-steven-sametz-audition-track>

LABELING AND VERIFICATION OF FILES

1. Each audition video shall be recorded and submitted as one single unedited file.
2. Each recorded video file must be saved as an mp4. Each video file must be labeled as follows: LMEA_choral_name(first and last)_part_grade_district.mp4

Ex: LMEA_choral_GregOden_T2_11_D1.mp4

3. Students will submit their videos to their high school director who must verify that the submitted video is in fact the qualified student performer.
4. Directors will send the verified student videos to their District Director by March 12, 2021 for adjudication.
5. Once the district's audition process is completed, the District Director will forward its allotted entries to LMEAs Vocal Division Chair no later than March 26, 2021 for final adjudication and selection to the 2020-21 All-State Honor Ensemble.

ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

Any student whose LMEA All-State audition video was selected to be part of their district's state level (2nd round) audition quota must be registered online before the March 26, 2021 audition submission deadline. Online forms are available at <https://www.lmeamusic.org/all-state/all-state-member-forms/>

Registration includes the following:

1. Online registration form – state level adjudication fee (\$15) can be paid by credit card through this form or by school check sent to the district director.
2. Student Release of Information Form – this will need to be printed, signed, and must be uploaded through the registration form.
3. Academic Award Form (OPTIONAL) – if any student has a verified GPA of 3.5 or higher, that student may upload the verified academic award form through the registration form. Note: these forms MUST be submitted with the registration and WILL NOT be accepted after March 26, 2021.

QUESTIONS

If you have a question that the district director or district vocal chair cannot answer, email Greg Oden, LMEA Vocal Division Chair, at lmea.vocalchairman@gmail.com.