



2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles Selection Procedure

The NAFME Eastern Division Band, Orchestra, Mixed Choir, Treble Choir, and Jazz Ensemble are organized by NAFME members and managed by PMEA volunteers and staff. There is a General Chair and one manager for each of the five 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 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 been selected to participate in their home all-state festivals. The band and orchestra will each have approximately one hundred fifty members, the treble choir will have one hundred twenty members, and the mixed choir will have approximately three hundred twenty. The selection committee is expected to make its decisions based on the following percentages (shown at right).

Membership from each state is 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 membership in the Band, Orchestra, and Mixed Choir). The membership percentages as of December 31, 2017 were as shown at right.

The committee builds the ensembles from the state presidents' ranked lists, trying to maintain these percentages in each group.

For the 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles selection process, the NAFME Eastern Division state presidents received application instructions in the summer of 2018 and disseminated the information to the members in their states. Teachers distributed the application information to their students in August of 2018. The deadline for applications was September 21. Notification of acceptance is sent in November 2018.

The 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles will rehearse during the NAFME Eastern Division Conference April 4-7, 2019, in Pittsburgh PA, with the performances for Band, Orchestra, Mixed Choir, and Treble Choir scheduled on Sunday, April 7, 2019. All performances will be at the Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom, David L. Lawrence Convention Center on Sunday, April 7 except for the Jazz Ensemble, which will perform at the Lawrence Convention Center on Saturday, evening, April 6, 2019.

| State | Membership % |
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| Connecticut | 8 |
| Delaware | 2 |
| Maine | 3 |
| Maryland | 6 |
| Massachusetts | 10 |
| New Hampshire | 2 |
| New Jersey | 16 |
| New York | 25 |
| Pennsylvania | 25 |
| Rhode Island | 2 |
| Vermont | 1 |