



UTAH MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION 2017 UTAH ALL STATE CHOIR APPLICATION

April 10, 2017

Dear Colleague,

It's All State time again. I am pleased to announce that this year Dr. Ryan Murphy, the associate conductor from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir will be directing the 2017 All State Choir. All State will be held on the second weekend in October as it always is and the dates for this year are October 12th thru 14th. We will be holding rehearsals at Taylorsville H.S. We will begin rehearsing on Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday afternoon with the performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Tabernacle.

The rules governing the nomination of entries for this year are the same as last year. They are:

The number of participants allowed for each school will be determined by CHORAL program size on May 1 of each year. Schools may nominate the following. (**Balanced Quartets**)

75 or less	4
76-125	8
126 – 200	12
201 – 250	16
251 +	20

RULES:

1. If you are on semesters, please use the number of CHOIR grades that you gave for the second semester. If you are on trimesters, please take the total number of CHOIR grades that you gave for all trimesters and divide by two.
2. You may count only grades 10-12. No 9th graders may be included in the count.
3. No student will be allowed more than 2 years' participation in All State. **I have lists of students who have participated the last two years. They cannot participate 3 years in a row. Please make your nominations with this rule in mind.**
4. There will be no observers.
5. There will be no refunds.
6. Only submit **balanced quartets**. Please! Please! Please! I will not look at applications that don't have balanced quartets. If you only have ladies, please send them to Honor Choir in January.
7. Tenors are males only. **DO NOT** submit female tenors.
8. You will only be submitting numbers of students attending with each voice part. **NO NAMES**. You can fill in the names next year. This seemed to work well last year with some schools so we will try again this year.

Please, read this portion of the letter:

All participating students must attend **BOTH** area rehearsals, **ALL** rehearsals during All State, and the **ENTIRE** concert. **Sporting events are not acceptable reasons to miss a rehearsal.** Do not submit your football players if they are not willing to miss their game, **including homecoming.** Homecoming may affect the students you submit. Make sure your students want to go if you have homecoming that weekend. Schools may not schedule departure from the Tabernacle until completion of the concert. There are many students who will gladly give up other activities for the opportunity they receive at All-State. It is not fair to excuse some, when others are willing to sacrifice their time to participate in this incredible experience. *Work* will not be considered an excuse from All State Rehearsals. **Please DO NOT give your students my personal phone numbers.** If a student has a problem, they must come to you and you should contact me.

Rehearsal recordings will be provided for the students with real voices and specific parts highlighted. This is included in the All State Fee for each student. **It is no longer possible to refund for students withdrawing after nomination is made in June.** Music for each of your participants and yourself will arrive as it has in the past sometime during the last two weeks in August.

Some things remain fairly constant from one year to another. Remember that all students nominated as singers must be members of one of the major **choral** performing organizations within your school. They must also attend the area rehearsals and pass off their music in the fall. There are assigned area chairpersons who are in charge of holding these rehearsals. Specific information on these two rehearsals will be forwarded in the fall. During the testing, all participants will be required to demonstrate that their music is accurately learned and memorized. This must be done in accordance with the guidelines used last year with students being tested in random order rather than by schools. Each chairman of an area rehearsal will submit a list of those schools and/or individuals not adequately prepared or not in attendance. To make this a positive experience for all the students involved, each director must assume the responsibility for seeing that their own students are appropriately prepared.

Registration fee for participants will be \$60 for director's who are members of NAFME, and \$70 for non-member directors, this fee includes an All-State T-shirt. **In order to be considered for acceptance in the 2017 All State Choir, applications and fees in the form of ONE check from each school for the total amount must be postmarked no later than Friday June 3, 2017. Make checks payable to U.M.E.A. No applications will be considered for acceptance without a check. ANY APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED LATER THAN JUNE 3, 2017 WILL BE RETURNED UNOPENED.**

You will receive a list of the number of students accepted from your school at the same time you receive your music at the end of August. At that time, you need to fill in the names of students participating. Those names will then be sent to you in September to check for accuracy for our program. **YOUR STUDENT WILL BE TESTED ON THE PART I HAVE THEM LISTED TO SING.** Please make sure you submit them singing the correct part. **E-Mail is wonderful and my e-mail is pretty reliable most of the time.** Students wear regular concert attire for their individual school or suits and ties or dresses. If jeans or casual attire are part of your costume, please have students plan on wearing Sunday "best".

If you have any questions about All State, please feel free to call me. E-mail is a good way to reach me for any questions. I have provided a space on your application for e-mail addresses, I am going to try distributing information electronically via e-mail so please make sure I have an accurate e-mail address. If you haven't been with us in the past years and don't know how much your students and your program can benefit from this experience give it a try.

My kids treasure it as one of their favorite experiences of the year. **If you are aware that there will be a change occurring in the choral director of your school, please give this information to them, enter students for them and inform me so that we can assign a mentor to those who have not experienced All State before.** I am excited for the upcoming year. Have a good closing to the school year.

There will be an option this year to communicate via e-mail. You MAY SUBMIT the FORMS attached to this e-mail electronically. Just e-mail me the completed form.

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(PLEASE – DO NOT GIVE THESE NUMBERS OUT TO YOUR STUDENTS or PARENTS)