



# Utah Music Educators Association

## Junior High/Middle School State Orchestra Festival March 14-15, 2017 Requirements for Application & Participation

1. Please submit an **unedited, unlabeled** audio recording of the auditioning ensemble's performance. Audio recording should display the finest technical, as well as musical abilities by the auditioning ensemble.
  - Auditioning orchestras must submit two selections. There is no required music list, however the audio recording must include a slow piece, and one other piece of the director's choosing or one piece with contrasting sections. It is recommended that music demonstrate the orchestra's technical ability and is grade II or higher.
    - Performance order should be:
      - o Track 1: slow piece, OR, one piece with contrasting sections
      - o Track 2: other piece of your choosing
    - TWO conductors' scores for selection of your choice must be included.
    - Recording must be made after Aug 31, 2016.
    - Compact discs are highly suggested for best recording results, however high quality audiotapes may be submitted.
2. Invitations will be issued based on the merit of the audition recording, and as recommended by the selection committee. No more than one group may be invited per school per day. Each invited group must submit a **\$200.00** entry fee upon acceptance to the State Festival.
  - Schools who cannot travel may submit a recording for comments only and will still receive a plaque in recognition of their achievement.
  - The UMEA Junior High State Orchestra Festival chairman reserves the right to schedule all Festival performances. Invited Ensembles will be divided into blocks for performances. Ensembles are required to be present for their assigned block.
3. The application fee is **\$50**. This fee is non-refundable. The fee is designed to offset the costs of evaluators' time, travel and evaluation. Each recording will receive brief comments from leading educators in the state of Utah. **Make checks payable to UMEA.**
4. All performers who contribute to the performance **MUST** be students in the ensemble's school. Special guest soloists who are not students are allowed, but may not perform on pieces for which they are not the guest soloist(s).
5. The ensemble director and a school official must authorize, with their signatures, approval of this application. By signing the application, the director and school official acknowledge that if invited to the event, the applying ensemble will participate and perform a concert not to exceed 30 minutes of music, inclusive of ensemble set changes. **Ensembles MUST also be able to stay for their assigned performance block which includes performances by at least two other groups.**
  - Ensembles submitting recordings for comments only do not need to have an administrator's approval.
6. The application and accompanying forms must be **postmarked by January 14, 2017.**

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