

# **AMEA Northern Arizona Honor Festival of Performance for Middle/Junior High School Musicians**

*The following is a general guide to the AMEA Northern Arizona Honor Band/Choir/Orchestra Festival.  
For a complete set of policies & procedures, consult this section in the AMEA Activities Handbook.*

## **SPONSOR.**

- The AMEA Northern Arizona Middle/Junior High School Honor Music Festival is sponsored by the Arizona Music Educators Association, Incorporated (AMEA).

## **PHILOSOPHY.**

- The AMEA Northern Arizona Middle/Junior High School Honor Festival is an extra-curricular musical enrichment program.
- The festival is designed to provide a challenging and memorable musical experience for the best Middle/Junior High School band, choir and orchestra students in Northern Arizona.

## **PURPOSE.**

- The festival is held for the purpose of providing the top band, choir and orchestra students, who are enrolled in grades 6, 7 and 8 grade Middle and Junior High Schools in Northern Arizona, an opportunity to be recognized for their musical achievement.
- The festival affords students an opportunity to participate in a musical ensemble led by noted conductors.
- The festival is an extra-curricular extension of the school music curriculum.

## **OBJECTIVES.**

- To recognize skill in instrumental and vocal performance by Middle/Junior High School students.
- To encourage further development of outstanding musicianship among Middle/Junior High School students.
- To provide a performance opportunity otherwise not available at the Middle/Junior High School level to the state's future musical leaders.
- To showcase the importance of music as part of a comprehensive education to school administrators and the general public.
- To establish special performance opportunities for the youth of Arizona that are comparable to those in all other states.
- To raise the level of musicality of performance at the Middle/Junior High School level.
- To make available a unique in-service educational opportunity for Arizona music educators.

## **PARTICIPANTS.**

- Each participant must be a sixth, seventh or eighth grade student in good standing with his or her music director. Each director must be employed at a state licensed Middle/Junior High School.
- Students who are interested in participating in the festival must do so through their school music director.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students may audition providing they are part of the same program as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and are recommended by their director to audition.
- Home Schooled students must be registered by the local director of the school of that student's attendance zone. The student must meet all of the "member in good standing" requirements as set forth by that school.
- Online Charter School students must be registered by the local director of the school of that student's attendance zone. The student must meet all of the "member in good standing" requirements as set forth by that school.
- Home Schooled, Charter School or Online Charter School students may not be entered by a teacher outside of the student's attendance zone.
- All participants in any competitive interscholastic music activity, who are enrolled in grades 6-12, must comply with the academic eligibility requirements as set forth by the school's local governing body.
- Students who transfer schools and have been registered prior to the deadline may represent the new school in the event if the new school accepts that student as a "member in good standing". The new school must also accept all financial and participation responsibilities for that student. Students may not represent the school from which they transferred.
- It is the school's responsibility to make all contact with festival leadership. Students and parents with questions should contact their school's responsible official. All communications regarding student participation must be presented in writing to festival leadership by the responsible school official.
- All students participating in the Northern Arizona Honor Band/Choir/Orchestra festival must be chosen through a live audition process.