



2016 STATE CHORAL FESTIVAL INVITATION

Dear Director,

Congratulations to you and your students on your fine accomplishments at your District Choral Festival. Choirs receiving a final determination of Excellent or Excellent with Superior Distinction at District Choral Festival shall qualify to participate in *State Choral Festival*. State Choral Festival is for the express purpose of improving, promoting and assisting vocal music education by encouraging excellence in performance. It is a means of experiencing a larger educational setting on a state-wide level.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FROM ALL DISTRICTS IS MARCH 27, 2016. This represents both the postmark deadline and the deadline to electronically submit your online registration.

To register, please check the MSVMA State Events – Choral Festival web page. Your instructions for registration are posted there, along with a copy of this letter and the posted deadline. All deadlines must be met and procedures followed. Since all festival information is provided online, this letter is the only invitation or correspondence you will receive prior to registration. When your materials have been received by the Scheduling Coordinator, you will be contacted with your schedule and provided any relevant site information.

Please note that State Choral Festival is returning to the regular format this year with regional sites and dates.

BASIC INFORMATION:

- 1) **\$160 per choir** (U.P. \$100)
- 2) The signed, printed invoice and check need to be postmarked by March 27, 2016. If using a PO, *payment must be received no later than one week prior to the festival.*
- 3) Your online registration must be submitted electronically by the same deadline, March 27, 2016.
- 4) Schedules will not be sent until payment is received.
- 5) **ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

REMINDERS:

- 1) HS: Sing 3 selections, one a cappella and one from the required list (no TBA's).
- 2) JH/MS: Sing 2 selections, one from the required list. A third song is optional.
- 3) 9th graders may perform at MS or HS festivals in a school year, but not both.
- 3) Maximum stage time is 15 minutes, including entering and exiting the stage.
- 4) Provide 4 original copies of music with measures numbered.
- 5) There will be no sight-reading for this event.
- 6) All repertoire changes must be made online no later than one week prior to the festival or **NO FINAL DETERMINATION** will be issued.
- 7) Scheduling questions should be directed to the Scheduling Coordinator. All other questions may be directed to the site Supervisor.

Best wishes for a valuable festival experience!!

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