



New York State Music Students WANT YOU to hear them perform at NYSSMA® Festivals

NYSSMA® is in need of talented teachers (*like you!*)
to be adjudicators each spring.

What you give:

- Your Expertise
- Your Time
- Your Talent
- Your Knowledge

What you get:

- √ Satisfaction of helping students
- √ All Expenses Paid
- √ A stipend
- √ Free Instruction
- √ Your own selected schedule

What adjudicators say about their experience:

"I became an even better teacher by adjudicating."

"I love hearing student musicians from other schools and areas."

"I love giving back to the profession."

"Its great to be able to interact with other outstanding teachers."

"Its fun and rewarding!"

**To join the ranks of outstanding adjudicators -
Sign up for an orientation session being offered across the state.**

Questions?

Contact Mike Robertson, Director of Adjudicators at dirofadj@nyssma.org

PLEASE JOIN US!



2025 NYSSMA Adjudicator Orientation Seminars

To be held at the following sites (please check **one**):

- March 14-15** **Jericho HS (piano only)** **Zone 13**
- March 28-29** **Kellenberg HS (no piano)** **Zone 13**
- March 28-29** **Byram Hills HS (piano only)** **Zone 11**
- April 4-5** **Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk HS (no piano)** **Zone 7**
- April 25-26** **Buffalo Academy for VPA** **Zone 1**

Times: Regular Orientation: Friday 6:30 – 9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Second Area Orientation: Friday 7:00 – 9:30 pm
All-State Orientation: Friday 3:15 – 6:15 pm
Major Organizations: Friday 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

----NYSSMA encourages a diversity of candidates to apply----

1. Please check the category for which you are applying (sessions are contingent on enrollment):

- Regular Orientation**** – for applicants who are not current NYSSMA adjudicators. A bachelor's degree in music and a minimum of one year full-time teaching experience (prior to 2024-25 school year) is required.
 - Second Area Orientation** – Candidate must be a NYSSMA adjudicator with a minimum of **two** festival seasons experience and a minimum of **four** judging assignments in their primary area.
 - All-State Orientation** – Candidate must be a NYSSMA adjudicator with a minimum of **four** festival seasons experience and a minimum of **eight** judging assignments in their primary area. *This requirement may be waived for Inst. and Vocal Jazz.*
 - Major Organizations Orientation** – Candidate must be a NYSSMA adjudicator with a minimum of **three** festival seasons experience and a minimum of **six** judging assignments in their primary area. In addition, a minimum of eight (8) years of successful teaching/conducting experience, along with participation in a minimum of five (5) M.O. Festivals or comparable events, is required.
- **Regular adjudicators are required to demonstrate knowledge on all instruments in their area of orientation.**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

- 2a. First Name _____ 2b. Last Name _____
- 2c. Circle preferred pronouns: he/him she/her they/them
- 3. Proficient in language(s) other than English (yes/no) _____ If yes, list language(s) _____
- 4. Preferred email address _____
- 5. Zone ___ 6. County _____ 7a. Major Inst/Voice _____ 7b. Minor Inst/Voice _____
- 8a. School District _____ 8b. Primary School Building _____
- 9. Home Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ 10. Cell Phone () _____
- 11. NAFME ID # (required) _____ 12. PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED (see below)
- 13a. Signature _____ 13b. Date _____ 14. Circle **one** area below:

***Brass, Percussion, Piano, Woodwind, String (Guitar), Voice, Instrumental Jazz (All-State only),
Vocal Jazz (All-State only), Major Organization Instrumental, Major Organization Choral***

ALL candidates - Complete the following on a separate sheet of paper:

- 15. Education and Private Study – schools, years, majors, degrees, teachers.
- 16a. Teaching Experience – schools, years, level of students. 16b. Performance Experience
- 17. Adjudication Experience – where, when, at a NYSSMA festival, age(s) and level(s) of students.
- 18. List the names and e-mail addresses of two NYSSMA members (non-related) who would endorse your application.
- 19. **Majors Candidates - list ratings your ensembles have received at M.O. Festivals or comparable events (minimum of FIVE).**

******Proof of current NAFME membership MUST be submitted with your application.**

Proof may be in the form of: copy of NAFME card, or printout of NAFME “Print Membership Confirmation” page.

Please mail or email application to:

Michael Robertson, Director of Adjudicators
12 Torry Drive Hamburg, NY 14075

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2025

dirofadj@nyssma.org

****** NYSSMA will provide overnight lodging for candidates, if desired. Please check here _____ if you would like to request a hotel room (single occupancy) for Friday night.**