

FLORIDA ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



Dear Principal,

Your music teacher recently received an invitation from the Florida Elementary Music Educators Association (FEMEA) to participate in a unique music education opportunity for elementary students and teachers. FEMEA is a component organization of FMEA (Florida Music Educators Association). FEMEA will be hosting the FMEA Virtual All-Star Honor Ensemble. This very prestigious ensemble will serve as an alternative to the yearly All-State Chorus and Orff ensembles. Each elementary music teacher who is a member of FEMEA may nominate two students to participate in the ensemble. Your music teacher is required to follow the official FEMEA procedures and has these materials available for your review.

FMEA/FEMEA strives to provide relevant and energizing professional development opportunities for music teachers and their students. This Virtual All-Star Honor Ensemble is the shining example of one such service to membership. There are some expenses involved and we hope that you will assist your parents and your music teacher in securing funding for deserving young musicians from your school.

In order for your music teacher and students to participate in the Virtual All-Star Honor Ensemble, your enthusiastic support will be necessary. Because we want the submission process to be as fair as possible, each participating music teacher must adhere to the following guidelines or the recordings will not be included in the virtual performance:

1. Membership dues for the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME), FMEA and FEMEA must be paid prior to submitting an audition.
2. The paperwork must be complete.
3. The submission fee must be attached (\$15 per student).
4. Requisitions, purchase orders, or personal checks cannot be used. Only school checks or money orders made payable to FEMEA will be accepted or online by credit card for the entire invoice amount-split tender not accepted.
5. The registration must be completed online not later than February 15th, 2021
6. The postmark on mailed materials such as a check and invoice must not be later than February 15th, 2021.

Please contact us if you have questions or if we can assist you or your music teacher in any way. Sincerely,

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Virtual All-Star Honor Ensemble will serve as an alternative to the yearly All-State Chorus and Orff ensembles. This group will perform a virtual piece to be debuted in the Spring of 2021. Only the finest fourth and fifth grade voices in the state have been asked to submit a recording for this ensemble, and your child has been so honored.

Your child's music teacher will help to make an audio/video recording. There is a \$15.00 processing fee that must be sent with the paperwork by February 15, 2021. Check with your music teacher for details. Music will be mailed to the music teacher. ***All fees are non-refundable.***

As a selected student, your child's name and school will be published on the FEMEA web site. Students will be required to rehearse at home and be prepared to submit a quality recording by March 15, 2021. ***Recordings must be made in front of a blank background and the student must wear a solid color shirt without any logos or wording.***

Because we want the submission process to be as fair as possible, each participating music teacher must adhere to the following guidelines or the recordings will be disqualified:

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If you would like for your child to participate in this ensemble, please read all the enclosed pages. Complete the student information and the parent permission sections of the application and return both pages and the \$15.00 processing fee to the music teacher.

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