



UMEA State Junior High/Middle School Choral Festival Application Instructions

Mt Ridge High School (14100 Sentinel Blvd, Herriman 84096)

Saturday, May 2, 2026

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the Utah State Junior High School Choir Festival. Our festival will be held SATURDAY, MAY 2nd, at Mountain Ridge High School. The requirements for participation are detailed below. Thanks for all you do for choral music and our great junior high school singers.

Here are the requirements for application and participation in this year's festival:

- Complete the **online application** found on the Jr High Choral Festival page
- Electronically submit an **unedited audio recording** of two contrasting pieces in MP3 or MP4 format. These recordings must be made **after August 31, 2025**. Make sure to allow sharing of these files
- Pay the **\$50, non-refundable application fee** (on the Jr High Choral Festival page). This fee offsets the cost of the Selection Committee's time and evaluation. Each recording will receive brief comments from leading educators in the state of Utah.
- Recordings and applications must be **submitted no later than March 27, 2026**
- All performers (excluding accompanists) **must** be students in the ensemble's school; all students **must** be under the direct supervision of a representative of the ensemble's school while attending the festival

Invitations will be issued by April 3, 2026, based on the merit of the audition recording, as recommended by the Selection Committee. Each invited group must submit a **\$250** entry fee (**\$350** if the director is **not** a UMEA member) upon acceptance to the State Festival (on the Jr High Choral Festival page).

The ensemble director and a school official must authorize their approval of this application. By submitting 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 15 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. The festival coordinator reserves the right to schedule all festival performances.

Ensembles submitting recordings **for comments only** will need to pay the \$50.00 application fee. **The application and audio files must be submitted by Mar 27, 2026**

For questions, please contact: Ami Swallow, Festival Coordinator
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