

2026 VMEA Senior Honors Choir Audition FAQs

Below you will find frequently asked questions about the 2026 VMEA Senior Honor Choir Auditions, as well as tutorial videos. Please look through all of the items below and if you still have unanswered questions, contact the Senior Honor Choir Audition Chairs: [Robin Duncan](#) and [Willis Rosenfeld](#). We will continue to add new questions and update/clarify any responses as needed.

AUDITION REGISTRATION and PAYMENT

- Q: Who is eligible to audition for VMEA Senior Honor Choir?
 - A: Any 12th grade student enrolled in their school choral program is eligible to audition with the recommendation of their director.
- Q: Does the student's teacher have to be a VMEA member for a student to audition?
 - A: No, VMEA membership is not a requirement for eligibility. However, if a director is not a VMEA member, they will be charged a \$135 non-member fee for their students to be eligible to participate. If there is not a choral teacher at the student's school, they may be sponsored by another VMEA member from the same school. They may not be sponsored by a VMEA member from another school.
- Q: Where do I register for the event?
 - A: Register for the audition through SNAP Auditions. Teachers will need to create an account at <https://snapaudition.com/>. Teachers are encouraged to bulk register their students rather than having the students register themselves. (You will be able to transfer the process to the students after registering them.) Please see this [tutorial video](#) for more information.
- Q: What information do I need to collect from my student before I can register them?
 - A: You will need the following information from each student
 - Student's Desired Voice Part
 - Student's First and Last Name
 - Student's Email Address
 - Student's Home Address
 - Parent/Guardian First and Last Name
 - Parent/Guardian Email
 - T-Shirt Size
 - Height in Inches
 - Name as it should appear in concert programs
 - Dietary Restrictions

- Q: What do I do if a student drops out of the audition process?
 - Simply don't have them complete their submission in the portal. Payment is required to submit the audition and cannot be refunded.
- Q: What is the cost to audition?
 - A: There is a fee of \$15 per application.
- Q: How do we pay for the auditions?
 - A: Teachers have the following options to pay audition fees:
 - Pay audition fees directly through the SNAP website with a school or booster credit/debit card
 - Mail a school or booster check made out to "Western Branch High School" and mailed to 1968 Bruin Place, Chesapeake, VA 23321
 - Checks must be ARRIVE at WBHS by September 28!

AUDITIONS

- Q: What are we submitting in the portal for the audition?
 - 1. A video file of the student performing the excerpt from "Swifter Than Flame"
 - 2. A video of the student performing their sight-reading directly into the SNAP website. (Note: This element should not be done with a cell phone.)
- Q: How do students record themselves singing "Swifter Than Flame"?
 - A camera should be set up to record both video and audio of the student.
 - No other teacher or student should be heard or seen on the recording.
Other voices heard on the recording will result in disqualification.
 - The track audio should be played on a separate device from the recording.
Using the same device to record and play the track will create problems with the recording (audio muting!) and could result in the audition being disqualified.
 - An external microphone is HIGHLY encouraged—most built-in laptop microphones record with poor quality.
 - The video should begin slightly before the track starts and end slightly after the end of the track.

- Q: What track will students use for recording the song "Swifter Than Flame" for their audition?
 - A: Students will use the tracks labeled "PERFORMANCE" found on the [VMEA Honor Choir Audition website](#). This track will include the other voice parts and piano accompaniment, but the student's own voice part will be muted.
Use of the wrong audition track will result in disqualification.
- Q: How do we get the sheet music for "Swifter Than Flame?"
 - An officially licensed copy will be available for download within the SNAP audition portal while it is open for submission. If you wish to practice prior to the open date, please purchase a copy of the octavo.
- How do students submit their solo recordings?
 - There is a place within the SNAP audition registration to upload the file.
 - All recordings MUST be submitted through SNAP.
- Q: How does my student perform/submit the sight reading portion?
 - Here is a [tutorial video](#) on how to complete the sight reading.