

Oyster Bay-East Norwich
Central School District
Fine & Performing Arts Department

INSTRUMENTAL

NYSSMA
Solo & Ensemble Festival
Registration Information and
Application Form
2024-2025

NYSSMA Levels 1-4
(Except: Piano, Harp, Guitar)
Friday & Saturday
March 21 & 22, 2025
Cold Spring Harbor High School

NYSSMA Levels 5, 6, All State
(Except: Piano)
Friday & Saturday
May 2 & 3, 2025
Syosset High School

PROCESS: With the guidance of a music teacher, your child will choose a piece of approved music that will be performed at the 2025 NYSSMA Festival.

Please note: Music must be listed in the current NYSSMA manual (33rd edition). Two originals of the music piece are required. One is for the student and the second is for the judge at the festival to view during the performance. Music stores frequently run out of music early. Be sure to purchase ASAP. Photocopies will not be accepted. See copyright section of the NYSSMA manual for additional information.

Before the festival takes place, students are encouraged to practice on their own and to work with their music teachers and private instructors so that they may prepare for this important performance. Please be reminded that most auditions are ten minutes in length and only percussionists and students performing on levels 5 and 6 are required to have a 15 minute audition.



Guidelines for filling out the 2025 NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival application form.

Instrument – List the instrument (ex. Flute) on which you will be performing.

Solo or Ensemble – Circle the “S” for Solo or “E” for Ensemble.

All-State Audition – This option is only open to students in grades 10 & 11 performing level 6 and should be strongly recommended by their school instrumental/vocal teacher. **In accordance with NYSSMA regulations, students must be in the comparable school performing group during the year of audition and the year of participation in an All-State group.**

Level of Selection – List the music level that you will be performing. (Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AS)

Ensemble Partners – If attending in an ensemble, list the **first and last** names of the other individuals in your group. Please note that ensembles are only required to pay one fee (not one per member).

Accompanist – If you are using an accompanist list the name of the accompanist. All State solos generally require an accompanist.

It is essential to the management and organization of the registration process that parents register their child as follows:

All registrations must be on the appropriate forms.

If your child is performing an instrumental and a vocal solo, they must register on separate forms and include separate checks.

If your child is registering for piano and any other solo festivals, they must register on separate forms and include separate checks.

Vocal forms must be returned to vocal teachers and separate instrumental forms must be returned to instrumental teachers.

Please read the guidelines on this form before completing the registration application.

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- ☐ Level 1-4 Cold Spring Harbor HS
☐ Level 5/6/AS Syosset HS

Student _____

(If Ensemble, list all last names on one form)

Phone _____

Parent Email Address _____

School Music Teacher _____

Solo or Ensemble (circle one)

Grade in School _____

Name of composition _____

Level _____

Name of composer/ arranger _____

Page Number in NYSSMA Manual _____

Time request:

___ Friday Afternoon

___ Friday Eve

___ Saturday Morning

___ Saturday PM

Do you have any siblings participating in the same festival that will cause the need for a similar time slot?

Name(s) of sibling(s)/Grade _____

We have read this document and would like to participate in the 2025 NYSSMA Festival.

Student's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Please return this Registration form (with the appropriate fee according to the fee schedule below) to the student's respective school music teacher by **Friday, January 17, 2025.**

NOTE: ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS should arrange to have one member forward a check to cover the cost of each performance of the group.

COPYRIGHT: It is essential that every student come to the NYSSMA festival prepared with two copies of original (not photocopied) music. If the piece has no accompaniment part, this must be two identical original copies. If the piece has an accompaniment, the combination of one solo part and its corresponding accompaniment part (with the solo line included) will suffice. Please check with your child's music teacher to ensure your child is properly prepared. NYSSMA must adhere to federal copyright laws.

ACCOMPANISTS: Accompanists spend many hours working on the music both alone and with the student. The ability of the accompanist can enhance the performance of the student. Students should consult with their teacher in engaging a skilled accompanist.

TRANSPORTATION: The music department will supply directions to the festival site. It is the responsibility of each student and parent to arrive at the festival site on their own. It is requested that all students arrive at their audition site no later than 20 minutes before their audition time. Students having transportation problems should notify their respective music teacher so that they may try to assist them in arranging a ride.

MEDALS: The Oyster Bay-East Norwich music staff are extremely excited to have your child participating in this very special competition and hope that they will be successful in this venture. Those students who receive high ratings will be rewarded with an official NYSSMA medal.

While students are not required to receive private instruction in order to attend NYSSMA, it is highly recommended. Our music staff can only provide limited support in this respect due to the primary importance of regular classroom instruction and the immense number of students involved.

COST:

Level 1-4 \$20/ Level 5-6- \$30

PAYMENT METHODS:

- 1) **CREDIT CARD:** Pay scanning the QR Code or clicking the links attached.
- 2) **CASH**

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

To pay by credit card, click the appropriate link or scan the QR Code below:

NYSSMA Level 1-4 (Vocal & Instrumental)

\$20.00



NYSSMA Level 5-6 (Vocal & Instrumental)

\$30.00



All State (Vocal & Instrumental)

\$36.00



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