

Surround the State in Song - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Student Participation:

- What students can participate?
 - Any student from a 5th, 6th, or 7th-grade choir/music class can participate as long as they can match pitch and handle themselves for a full day of rehearsal.
 - Please remember that students should be memorized **before** they arrive at the festival.
- Is registration limited to 10 students per school or 10 students per teacher?
 - Typically we say 10 students per teacher, however, most sites are able to allow schools to bring more than that 10 students limit. Reach out to your site manager if you have 11+ students who are able to attend!
- Is lunch provided?
 - Lunch is not covered in your registration fee. Some sites choose to offer a lunch option (usually pizza, fruit, chips and water) for a small fee to cover food costs. Sites are not required to provide a lunch option, so double check with your site coordinator directly to confirm lunch plans.
 - Students/Teachers should plan on bringing a sack lunch for the day, as refrigeration space will likely be limited

Registration:

- How much does it cost to attend?
 - It costs \$20 for each student who attends, for example bringing 6 students would mean that the school would owe \$120.
- Does the cost of Registration include the music as well?
 - No, the registration does not include the required music. These must be purchased separately, we have communicated to both Popplers and J.W. Pepper as to which pieces will be included for the festival each year.
- What if the webpage gives me an error when attaching my registration?
 - We have found that RegFox works best when you download your registration as an Excel document (we will change this for 2022 next year)
 - To download your registration as the correct file type: Select 'File>Download>Microsoft Excel (.xlsx); then it should accept that file type.
- Can I still pay by check?
 - Yes! If it is easier for your district to pay by check please email the State Coordinator your registration spreadsheet and then mail the check to the state coordinator.

Cost:

- What do the registration costs cover?
 - The \$20 registration costs cover expenses like T-shirts for students and teachers, music for guest accompanists/guest directors, hotels and or milage for traveling guest directors, a meal for the guest accompanist/director, paying the guest accompanist/director for their time during the day, space rentals, and other incidental expenses that may arise.
- Why did the registration cost go up?
 - Things in our world keep getting more expensive, like t-shirts and the cost associated with accepting online payments. The price of registration has been raised once since the SSIS inception around 2017.
- Why is there not a different rate for ACDA members and non-ACDA members?
 - Based on the past data, the vast majority of our teacher participants are NDACDA members, and with the need to raise costs this year, it seemed like the easiest option was to set a single rate for participation. We are hoping that once non-ACDA member teachers are able to experience good choral opportunities for their students they will be more willing to join our organization in the future!