

Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association



Appendix D ASBOA Honor Ensemble

- Must make a First Division at ASBOA Region Concert Assessment to apply. Must submit recordings in MP3 format.
- For band – one selection must be a march and the other a selection from the ASBOA or UIL list
- For orchestra – both selections from the ASBOA or UIL list
- Both selections must have been recorded during the school year of submission and must be unedited. No splicing within a single composition or movement. No engineering, editing, or tampering in any way with the recording after the performance. After the initial recording, compression of the recording in any fashion is not allowed. The only allowable technical alteration to a recording is adjustment of master volume.
- Make sure there is nothing on the recording that identifies the ensemble, no verbal recognition of the group nor digital tags with the ensemble's info when the file is pulled up.
- The recordings are evaluated by out of state judges. Each ensemble is only identified by their classification. Once the scores are sent back and verified the Honor Ensemble recipients will be notified.
- The scores of each ensemble will be used only to determine the honor ensembles. Scores and rankings will not be made public. (The purpose is to choose the Honor Ensemble in each classification, not to have a ranked contest.)
- If you are chosen to perform - the ensemble must be the same classification and makeup of the ensemble that submitted. If the classification of an ensemble changes due to fluctuations in school enrollment after the ensemble is selected, the ensemble will still be able to perform and represent their previous classification. This does not change their official classification.
- If an ensemble that has been selected to perform at the All-State Convention has a change in the position of head director, the ASBOA Executive Secretary and the Honor Ensemble Committee will have the ability to discuss options with the new director and administration.
- Years of Submission/Performance by Classification – **adjusted due to new classification system.**
 - Group A - apply in 2019, 2021, etc. and perform in 2020
 - Combined 6A/7A, 4A, EEEE, and EEE
 - Also include in 2020 – Booneville, Lamar, Smackover-Norphlet, Clinton, Mayflower, Harrisburg, Genoa Central, Blytheville because of Classification shifts
 - Group B - apply in 2020 and perform in 2021
 - 5A, Combined 1A/2A/3A, EE, E – If Senior High has State Concert Assessment, the Honor Ensembles will be chosen at that event.
 - DD, DDD, or DDDD ensembles may submit one classification lower than they are listed. DD-5A may submit as a 4A. Same for Junior High or Middle School.
- A band /orchestra cannot be selected as an Honor Ensemble more than once every three years. This will include an Honor Ensemble which changes classification.
- If there are no entries from a particular class a year, two may be chosen from the other class.
- If an ensemble backs out of performing at the All-State Music Conference by September 1, then the next highest scoring ensemble will be asked to perform.
- The application will include the Title and Composer/Arranger of Each Selection
- This application is submitted with the full approval of the school administration and in compliance with all policies set forth.
- If selected, the ensemble will perform at the All-State Music Conference and a time and location to be announced.
- No students may miss any part of an All-State rehearsal to participate in the honor ensemble performance.
- All performers on the recording must be AAA eligible. All performers at the Honor Concert at All-State must be AAA eligible.
A school administrator must certify that the submitted recordings are unedited (not digitally altered or enhanced in any manner).

The application form, a \$50 application fee, and recording are due on or before April 19, 2019, NOT postmarked by April 19. Failure to submit any part on time will result in the application not being considered. Make checks payable to ASBOA.