

# 2019 - 2020 North Dakota ACDA

## Junior High / Middle School All-State Honor Choirs Audition Information

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**WHERE:** Grand Forks, Red River High School

**WHEN:** Friday and Saturday, February 7-8th, 2020

**WHAT:** The Junior High / Middle School All-State Honor Choirs will consist of two 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade auditioned choirs: 100-voice Mixed Choir, and 90-voice Treble Choir. Each choir will rehearse for two days under the direction of guest conductors and will be featured at the closing concert of the North Dakota ACDA Conference.

**Audition fee:** Student audition fees are **7 dollars**.

### STEP ONE: AUDITION

Please read the following instructions carefully. All forms, audition files, and one check per school/director must be submitted/postmarked by **Friday, October 11th**. Any auditions not meeting any of the stated requirements will not be considered.

### PREPARE the Audition:

- **Solo 1:** Sing the first verse of “America” (“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”) **unaccompanied** in an appropriate key. Here are a few recommendations:
  - Sopranos – G above middle C
  - Altos – Eb above middle C
  - Tenors – A below middle C
  - Basses – D below middle C
- **Solo 2:** Sing an age-appropriate prepared solo showing your best vocal quality within the first two minutes. Appropriate repertoire for the audition would be a sacred or secular art or folk song (folk songs preferred). Pop, Broadway, Gospel, and Contemporary Christian pieces are not appropriate. Judges will only listen to the first two minutes of the recording, so feel free to trim the piece accordingly.
- Please do not have your singer announce anything before they sing.

### SAVE the Audition CORRECTLY:

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| • <b>Part-LastName-FirstName-Solo</b>  | <b>Bass-Cash-Johnnie-Solo</b>        |
| <b>Part-LastName-FirstName-America</b> | <b>Soprano-Fleming-Renee-America</b> |

\*Do not put the title of the solo at the end of the file label, just put “Solo” exactly as shown above. Do not use an abbreviation. Do not use an alternate abbreviation or title for “America.”

- **WHEN YOU SAVE:** Do not use a space, period, comma... **USE A HYPHEN**. **Spell out the entire part (Soprano- Tenor- Bass- Alto)**. This is important for proper sorting and file location.
- **NO ADDED REVERB OR AUTO-TUNE.** If your recording uses any noticeable audio manipulation including added reverb, it may be disqualified. Some recording programs like Garageband add effects like reverb automatically, so please be sure to check that you are recording and exporting your files with no added manipulation or effects.
- We highly recommend sending in a test recording if you’re not sure that your recording method works. Simply email a test file to [ndacdamljhnc@gmail.com](mailto:ndacdamljhnc@gmail.com) with TEST TRACK in the subject line. Do this **BEFORE** you start creating final recordings, so you have time to change methods if it doesn’t work. If you’re new to making recordings and need assistance, please email us at the provided address above.

## SUBMIT Auditions:

- Upload your **.mp3 files** via the audition form. If you submit .wav, .mp4, .m4a, or any other type of file we will ask you to convert and re-submit with .mp3 files if time allows. You can select files from your device or from your own Google Drive. If you share files with us via your Google Drive, make sure you have permissions set to share with [ndacdamljhhc@gmail.com](mailto:ndacdamljhhc@gmail.com).

## SUBMIT the Forms ONLINE (no paper information will be collected this year)

Visit [www.ndacda.com](http://www.ndacda.com) State Conference Page. There will be a link to take you to the following forms:

- **School Information Form** - One per school  
School Name, Address, City, Zip, Director's Name, email, phone, ACDA number, number auditioning, total audition fee (\$7 per student)  
\*\*Teachers of auditioning students must be members of ACDA. To obtain membership information and/or a membership form, go to **[www.acda.org](http://www.acda.org)**
- **Candidate Form** - One per student  
*Please confirm with your students and their parents that they are aware of the dates and requirements of participating in ND ACDA ML JH Honor Choirs.*  
Candidate name, gender, grade, part auditioning for, if S2 is a good option, range, solo name

## MAIL the Audition Fee

- \$7 fee per applicant is combined into ONE school or personal check made out to "NDACDA"
- Postmarked BY **Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
- Address to:

Samantha Steffan  
Hazen High School  
PO Box 487  
Hazen, ND 58545

If you have any questions, please contact us:

[ndacdamljhhc@gmail.com](mailto:ndacdamljhhc@gmail.com)

**Samantha Steffan: Hazen Public Schools, Hazen**

**Lacey Hanson: Center-Stanton Public Schools, Center**

## STEP TWO: RESULTS and REGISTRATION

Results will be posted on the NDACDA website by Friday, November 15th and music for each accepted student and each director will be sent out after the results are posted. In the event that an alternate takes the position of another student, the director will send the student's music on to the new participant.

Complete registration forms, and collect the registration fee. The fee of \$45 per student will cover the cost of music, T-shirt, dinner Friday evening, and lunch on Saturday. Submit ONE CHECK per school with registration forms filled online by Friday, December 6th. **Schools whose registrations are sent 7 days past the deadline will be charged a \$50 late penalty fee.** After the 7 days, alternates will be notified. Registered students who withdraw from Honor Choir forfeit their registration fee. Alternates who fill in for a previously registered student need not pay a registration fee.

### **STEP THREE: CONFERENCE**

Students will be responsible for their own transportation to Grand Forks and to all rehearsals. Students must be chaperoned by a teacher or a parent. Regional and National ACDA Honor Choirs require that students be chaperoned by their parents when attending. While it is understood that not all schools are able to obtain parent chaperones, it is highly recommended by NDACDA.

#### **Friday, February 7th Approximate Schedule (subject to change):**

**12:30: Registration**

**1:00: Rehearsals and Sectionals**

**Dinner:** On Site, cost included in registration fee

**Evening Concert:** Featuring one song from each honor choir and other performing groups. Students wear their Honor Choir t-shirt and nice jeans.

#### **Saturday, February 8th Approximate Schedule (subject to change):**

**8:30am: Rehearsal**

**Lunch**

**Early Afternoon Concert:** Featuring the Middle Level and Collegiate Honor Choirs

- GIRLS WEAR-dress pants or skirt falling BELOW the knee and blouse
- BOYS WEAR-dress pants, dress shoes, dress shirt, and tie
- A recording of the performance will be available for download
- Students must be in attendance at all rehearsals to participate in the Honor Choir event
- Concert tickets may be purchased each night for \$5 per person
- Tickets are included in the conference fee for participating directors