



GEORGIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION Application for Marching Band Festivals and Competitions

Instructions: Complete the application and submit with supporting items and a \$150.00 application fee to: GMEA · 218 Willis Drive · Stockbridge, GA 30281.

All information requested should be included. **Postmark Deadline: July 11th**

Name of Event: _____ Date of Event: _____

Location of Event: _____

Website of Event: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

The following items must be submitted with this application:

- Entry Form (may be included on announcement or invitation)
- Adjudication Forms (if not using GMEA Adjudication Forms)
- A Copy of the Rules/Regulations for the Event
- An Application Fee of \$150.00

Check the following:

Event Type:	Event Format:	Event Judging System:
Marching Competition	Single Performance	Caption
Marching Festival	Prelims/Finals	Olympic
		Three Judge

A FESTIVAL is one in which division ratings I-V are used to evaluate a band's performance non-competitively against a standard of excellence. A COMPETITION is one in which competitive rankings are designated with the use of numerical scores. **An organization may host a Festival or a Competition on the same day. All awards and donations are the sole responsibility of the event organizer/chairperson.**

The Georgia Music Educators Association provides recommended adjudication forms (for both Caption and Olympic style events), size classification guidelines and scoring breakdowns. Please indicate below which of these items will be used at your event. **If you choose not to use these items, please attach the adjudication forms, size classifications and scoring breakdowns that you plan to use.** Events not submitting this information will not be considered for GMEA approval.

Please check each of the following you plan to utilize:

GMEA Adjudication Forms

GMEA Size Classifications

GMEA Scoring Breakdowns

Required Criteria for all events:

- Entry Fees for Georgia bands shall not exceed \$75.00 for a performing group
- Entry forms MUST require signature of the performing group's principal
- Rules regarding penalties must be stated on the application mailed to directors. A copy of the schedule must be mailed at least five days before the event. No bands are to be accepted after the schedule is mailed unless such band was entered on the same date in another approved event, which was cancelled.
- If admission is charged, at least one chaperone or bus driver shall be admitted free for each ten participating students. CURRENT MENC and GHSA membership cards must be honored at ALL GMEA approved events in Georgia. The cardholder and one guest will receive free admission.
- If an event cancels, the event coordinator must contact the Marching Band Chairperson and the GMEA office immediately
- **ALL GEORGIA events must require a \$500 performance bond from each Georgia entry.** The Sponsoring Organization may require a performance bond of ANY participating group. Performance bonds must be refunded promptly.
- It is the responsibility of the event organizer to ensure the proper judging staff for the event.
- Marching Events are to be held on regulation, properly lit football fields with adequate rest rooms, dressing facilities, seating, and parking for the size of the event.
- **All events must submit Recap Sheets from their event along with information regarding the sizes of attending bands to the current GMEA Marching Band Committee Chairperson within one week of the event.**

GMEA Recommendations

- The GMEA recommended size classifications are based on the number of **WIND** players. Bands may enter any higher class but not a lower one. The breakdown for classification is as follows:
 - A = 1-40
 - AA = 41-59
 - AAA = 60-79
 - AAAA = 80-100
 - AAAAA = 101+
- A Caption Judging event is defined as the following:
 - 2 Music Performance Judges
 - 1 Music Effect Judge
 - 2 Visual Performance Judges
 - 1 Visual Effect Judge
 - 1 Judge per adjudicated specialty unit
- An Olympic Judging event is defined as the following:
 - 5 Band Judges where low and high scores are dropped for each band
 - 1 Judge per adjudicated specialty unit
- Scoring Breakdown for all competitive events
 - 85.0 – 100 Superior
 - 70.0 – 84.9 Excellent
 - 55.0 – 69.9 Average
 - 0.00 – 54.9 Fair
- The official GMEA Adjudication forms can be found in the Band Division section of the GMEA website (www.gmea.org) or by contacting the Marching Band Committee Chairperson