

Exemplary Performance Award – Middle School Chorus

The Exemplary Performance Award will be presented to middle school choruses that achieve outstanding results in all areas of performance sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators Association. These areas include Large Group Performance Evaluation, Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation, All-State Chorus, District Honor Chorus, and the 6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus event.

Rationale

1. To recognize outstanding choruses in Georgia whose students excel in all aspects of choral performance, both individually and as part of a group.
2. To encourage and promote participation in the GMEA sponsored performance events including Large Group Performance Evaluation, Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation, All-State Chorus, District Honor Chorus, and the 6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus event.

Guidelines, Criteria and General Information

1. The Exemplary Performance Award will be the most prestigious award available to middle school choruses. Choruses receiving the award will receive a wall plaque and framed certificate. Individual Exemplary Performance Award medals may be ordered through the GMEA office.
2. The Choral Division Chair will appoint a Middle School Chorus EPA Chairman who will in turn appoint the EPA Selection Committee.
3. To submit an application for the award, a chorus must participate in all GMEA sponsored events: Large Group Performance Evaluation, Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation, All-State Chorus, District Honor Chorus, and the 6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus.
4. Choruses must receive a superior at LGPE in both Concert Performance and Sight Reading. Chorus Programs with more than one group participating are encouraged to submit adjudicators' forms for all groups.
5. Chorus programs must have at least one student selected for the All-State Chorus.
6. The postmark deadline for submission of the application will be March 30th. Documentation of events not yet completed (solo/ensemble and/or LGPE) must be submitted within one week following the event.
7. Directors will be notified soon after all the documentation has been received as to whether or not the award will be received. The award will be presented by a representative of GMEA at the chorus' spring concert. A GMEA Exemplary Performance Award press release will be mailed to directors for inclusion in local newspapers.
8. The application will be a part of the Choral Division Handbook. The application and lists must be typed.

The above criteria constitute the minimum to be considered for the award by the Middle School EPA panel. Meeting the baseline criteria does not assure that a group will be selected for the award. The final decision on which groups are to receive the award is at the discretion of the selection committee and cannot be appealed.

A CD of the LGPE concert from the current year (should be convention performance quality) and the following documentation must accompany the application: Chorus Roster, a copy of the District Honor Chorus Program with names highlighted, a copy of the All-State Program with names highlighted, a copy of the 6th Grade Statewide Honor Chorus Program with names highlighted, copies of LPGE Adjudicator sheets, and a list of Solo and Ensemble participants with their ratings. All documentation should be mailed to:

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Choral programs not selected may apply again next year. Programs receiving the award may apply again after three years.