



GEORGIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Exemplary Performance Award Criteria– Middle School Orchestra

The Exemplary Performance Award will be presented to middle school Orchestras 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 Orchestra, and the District Honor Orchestra event.

Rationale

1. To recognize outstanding Orchestras in Georgia whose students excel in all aspects of Orchestra 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 Orchestra, and the District Honor Orchestra.

Guidelines, Criteria and General Information

1. The Exemplary Performance Award will be the most prestigious award available to middle school Orchestras. Orchestras 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 Orchestra Division Chairman will appoint a Middle School Orchestra EPA Chairman if the office is vacated. The EPA Selection Committee will be appointed by the chairman.
3. To submit an application for the award an orchestra must participate in all GMEA sponsored events: Large Group Performance Evaluation, Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation, All-State Orchestra, and the District Honor Orchestra.
4. Orchestras must receive a superior at LGPE in both Concert Performance and Sight Reading. Orchestra Programs with more than one group participating are encouraged to submit adjudicators forms for all groups.
5. Orchestra programs must have at least one student selected for the All-State Orchestra.
6. The postmark deadline for submission of the application will be March 30th. Documentation of events not yet completed (solo/ensemble) must be submitted within one week following the event.



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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 Orchestra's 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 Orchestra 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 may not 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; Concert Orchestra Roster, a copy of the District Honor Orchestra Program with names highlighted, list of All-State participants, 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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98 Roundtree Court
Stockbridge, GA 30281

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