## **State Conference Performing Group Application Guidelines**

- 1. Application/Audition recordings will be uploaded as part of the online application form.
- 2. The recordings must include three contrasting pieces that were performed within the past 12 months and are representative of the group's repertoire and ability.
- 3. Each selection needs to be uploaded as a separate file and each file must be an MP3 file no larger than 10 MB each.
- 4. Titles and composers of the selections will also be entered as part of the online application form.
- 5. Directors must be members of NAfME at the time of application submission and performance.
- 6. Submission of a completed application implies that the group will appear, if chosen, and has the unqualified support of the administration of their school or college, including necessary financial support. IMEA is not responsible for any housing, travel, or meal expenses for the group.
- 7. IMEA Policy states the following about students chosen for All-State groups whose school ensemble is also performing at the conference:
  - a. Any student who is selected to participate in an All-State or Honor group shall be excused from the All-State rehearsal to perform with an ensemble from his/her school at the conference.
  - b. No student shall participate in more than one All-State or Honor group each year.
  - c. Failure to comply could result in the loss of rehearsal space, performance space, and/or any other financial support from IMEA (for the sponsoring organization). Final authority regarding this policy rests with the IMEA Executive Committee.
- 8. Selection will be made by the Conference Planning Committee and the Conference Chair in Spring 2025. Selection will be determined by quality of performance, but the necessity of a well-balanced program and geographical representation from the state will also be taken into consideration.