



# ELEMENTARY HONORS CHOIR

## Audition Information

The Michigan Music Education Association is thrilled to present the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Elementary Honors Choir, which will be held in March of 2019. It is open to 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students of MMEA members. We feature TWO separate ensembles—a 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade choir & a 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade choir. Each group will rehearse separately, and will perform on their own at the concert. The performance will also feature one joint piece with the combined groups singing together. This year's directors will be announced soon. **The audition fee is \$10, and cost of participation, if accepted, is \$55.**

### **The schedule is as follows:**

#### **Day 1 Rehearsal: March 2, 2019 @ location TBA**

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| 10am – noon   | Rehearse |
| 12-12:45 pm   | Lunch    |
| 12:45-3:15 pm | Rehearse |

#### **Day 2 Performance: March 16, 2019 @ location TBA**

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| 10am-noon  | Rehearse          |
| 12-12:45   | Lunch             |
| 12:45-2:15 | Rehearse          |
| 2:30PM     | Concert/Recording |

*(this schedule may be adjusted slightly closer to the event)*

### **To apply for membership to the Elementary Honors Choir:**

1. Prepare an audition recording (any method available to you). 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade students will sing “Happy Birthday” in the key of G without accompaniment. 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade students will sing “America” (My Country T’Is of Thee) in the key of G without accompaniment. If students are not able to sing that song for religious or other reasons, they may sing another song of their choice with a similar range, or sing a few vocalizes. **Clearly label each recording with the student’s first & last name, grade & school.** For example, if Bobby Jones goes to East Elementary school, his audio file should be labeled “Bobby Jones Grade 5 East Elem.” Google Voice recordings should have the **teacher** clearly state the student name, school name, and grade at the beginning of the recording.

2. Fill out an application form for each student (either via online or paper application) Go to <http://mmeamichigan.org/elementary-honors-choir-application/> for a quick on-line form

OR

Complete the paper application on the next page and mail it to us (please write clearly)

3. Send a check payable to the “Michigan Music Education Association” of \$10 for each student.
4. All items must be postmarked by **November 20, 2018**. Snail mail address is:  
MMEA • PO Box 410 Jackson, MI 49204  
Email: [mmeahonorschoir@gmail.com](mailto:mmeahonorschoir@gmail.com)  
Google Voice Phone number: (320) 204-MMEA  
Fax: (517) 789-8467  
*\*Please put “MMEAEHC” in the subject line to help sort your email from spam*

### **Audition Criteria and Instructions:**

1. Directors should recommend students who are strong in ALL of the following categories: 1) music reading skills; 2) tone quality; 3) social skills; 4) willingness to work with peers and adults; and 5) aptitude and stamina for success with long rehearsals.
2. It is imperative that students commit to both the first rehearsal date and the second rehearsal/concert date. Not attending one or the other compromises their comfort level at the concert, as well as the comfort level of those singing near them.
3. Students will receive acceptance and voice part assignment in the form of an email to their recommending teacher by **November 30**. They must return their letter of commitment and payment of \$55 by **December 20, 2018**. Students will then be sent this year’s music and links to the learning/listening tracks.
4. Students need to be well-prepared for the first rehearsal. All music will need to be memorized for the concert. Concert dress will be black pants or black skirt and black tights and the T-shirt (provided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> rehearsal/performance).

### **Fees and what they cover:**

Your \$10 audition and \$55 Honor’s Choir fees pay for a T-shirt, music, food on rehearsal and concert days & concert space. It also helps pay for the Director and Accompanist stipends.

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# ELEMENTARY HONORS CHOIR 2018/19 APPLICATION

PLEASE VISIT [HTTP://MMEAMICHIGAN.ORG/ELEMENTARY-HONORS-CHOIR-APPLICATION/](http://mmeamichigan.org/elementary-honors-choir-application/) OR PRINT CLEARLY BELOW

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Student:** I am applying for membership in the MMEA Elementary Honors Choir. I understand that this is a privilege and I will do my best to learn my music and contribute in a positive way during rehearsals and at the concert.

**Parent:** My child is interested in becoming a member of the MMEA Elementary Honors Choir. I will encourage my child to learn their music and represent themselves, myself and their school in the highest possible way.

**Music Teacher:** My student has demonstrated aptitude in 1) music reading skills; 2) tone quality; 3) social skills; 4) willingness to work with peers and adults; and 5) aptitude for success with long rehearsals. I will encourage him/her to learn the music, and be a positive participant at rehearsals and the concert.

## Audition Audio File format:

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone 320-204-MMEA (6632)  
(call our dedicated Honors Choir line and, at the prompt, the teacher or parent will state your name, school name, and grade and then sing your audition)

\_\_\_\_\_ .mp3          \_\_\_\_\_ .wav          **Can be emailed**

\_\_\_\_\_ CD .mp3          \_\_\_\_\_ CD .wav          **Can be snail mailed**

Name on the Audio File (Use Child's first & last name, and school) \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to:** MMEA • PO Box 410 • Jackson, MI 49204

Email: [mmeahonorschoir@gmail.com](mailto:mmeahonorschoir@gmail.com)          Phone number: 320-204-MMEA (6632)

Fax: (517) 789-8467

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**\*\*Application deadline is November 20, 2018\*\***