

**SYOSSET CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SYOSSET, NEW YORK**

**APPLICATION for Vocal Jazz and All-State Instrumental Jazz  
participation in the  
NYSSMA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL  
Hewlett-Woodmere High School, May 19-20, 2023**

This application is for **All State Instrumental Jazz and Vocal Jazz (all-Levels)**. As the NYSSMA requirements for All State Jazz are different than they are for other adjudications, please read all instructions very carefully. Students should make sure that they review all of this information with their school music teacher. Scales are not a part of the jazz adjudication. Instead, students are asked to improvise. Make sure that you review the improvisation requirements with your school music teacher. Drumset players may be asked to perform different styles as per the NYSSMA manual.

In addition to the solo, students will be asked to sight read in the jazz idiom. As with all NYSSMA adjudications, students are then given a written report with comments on their performance and a grade. Grades range from A+ through D- . In some cases, where it is determined to be in the best interest of the child or due to a serious infraction of the festival rules, a student may receive comments-only.

NYSSMA festival grades provide a standard that is used for acceptance to all-county festivals, many music camps and can be included in college applications. This particular festival is only open to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students auditioning for the All State Instrumental Jazz and students in any grade who will be singing a Vocal Jazz Solo.

Students participating in the NYSSMA festival (and their parents) should be aware of the following: (More information is available through our individual music teachers.)

1. This All State Jazz festival will be held at **Hewlett-Woodmere High School, May 19-20, 2023.**
2. Audition times may be at any time from Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon.
3. This festival is for students in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade who are auditioning for the All State Instrumental Jazz or Vocal Jazz ensembles, as well as any other students performing a Vocal Jazz solo. All other NYSSMA Jazz auditions will be at other festival sites.
4. All solos must be listed in the current NYSSMA Manual. The current manual is **Vol. 33. Check this carefully with your school music teacher, as private teachers do not always have the current manual.**
5. **Two purchased, original copies of the solo should be provided** (one for the student and one for the adjudicator). A piano part may be used as one copy. **Photocopies are not permitted.**

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6. All State Jazz requirements can be confusing. Check with your school music teacher for specific regulations on sight reading and improvisation.
7. All-State students must audition on a Level VI solo.
8. Bring a CD Player and the accompaniment CD's you will need for the improvisation. Most solos at this level have a CD accompaniment. NYSSMA may provide a CD player, but **DON'T TAKE A CHANCE. BRING YOUR OWN CD PLAYER.** It's best to perform with a CD player that you are comfortable with and know how to operate. **DO NOT RELY ON WI-FI**, as you may not have a good Wi-Fi connection available at the school.
9. Teachers must submit All-State applications for each of their students. Be sure to complete the last page of this application if you will be auditioning for All State.
10. Only students in grades 10 and 11 may audition for All-State.
11. Students will receive their grades from their teachers during the following week at school.

Last year Syosset sent over 1300 students to NYSSMA festivals! We consistently have among the highest number of students chosen for All County, All State, and All Eastern.

Participation fee: **All-State Instrumental and Vocal Jazz: \$30.00**  
**Non-All-State Vocal Jazz: \$24.00**

NYSSMA fees are not refundable.

PLEASE RETURN CHECKS ONLY MADE OUT TO:

**STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND.**

**\*USE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH STUDENT AND EACH AUDITION.**

**\*\*PLEASE WRITE THE STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME ON  
THE "MEMO" LINE OF EACH CHECK.**

**This application and fees are due to your child's music teacher by:  
Friday, January 6, 2023.**

ALL-STATE JAZZ and Vocal Jazz

# All-State Instrumental and Vocal Jazz

## Hewlett-Woodmere High School

### May 19-20, 2023

Please return this form to your music teacher by: **Friday, January 6, 2023**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT OR VOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ ALL STATE? \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SOLO: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSER OF SOLO: \_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL OF SOLO: \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE NUMBER IN NYSSMA MANUAL \_\_\_\_\_

(from Volume 33)

Check if you have a sibling performing at this festival \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, Sibling name and school \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you are performing more than one solo or ensemble at this festival \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate

(First and last name)

in the NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival to be held at **Hewlett-Woodmere High School** on **May 19 & 20, 2023**. I understand that I will be responsible for my child's transportation.

Enclosed is a check (made out to STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND) for \$30 for the registration fee. (\$24 for Non-All State Vocal Jazz)

Use a separate check and form for each audition.

Include the first and last name of student on the "Memo" line of each check.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Participation fee: All-State: \$30.00. NYSSMA fees are not refundable**  
(Non-All State Vocal Jazz: \$24)

You may request a specific day and time, but please note that NYSSMA can not guarantee that they will be able to honor such requests. Please only do so in the event of an unavoidable conflict. Attach a note to this form if you are in this situation.

# All-State Application Information

All State Applicants must submit this page.

In order to complete your All State Application, your teacher will need the following information:

Full Name (as it should be printed in a program): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of May 19, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Were you in All State last year? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which ensemble \_\_\_\_\_ section \_\_\_\_\_

Seat if auditioned \_\_\_\_\_

List years you have been in All County \_\_\_\_\_

Do you perform in ensembles outside of school? (LIYO, MYO, Nassau/Suffolk, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Wind, Brass and Percussion: Do you have orchestral experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Woodwind players, list any doubles (Flute/Picc, Oboe/Eng. Horn, Alto Sax/Clar)

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List any special music awards you may have won or other musical experiences such as honors ensembles or summer musical tours or programs: \_\_\_\_\_

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