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Congratulations on your upcoming participation in the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Music Festival. This is an outstanding opportunity for you to work on a piece of music especially for your instrument and to perform it before a judge who will provide you with a written evaluation and grade. For older students, this evaluation influences your acceptance into next year's All-County and All-State organizations.

The dates of the 2024 festivals are:

Regular solos Levels 1-6 ,Piano and Classical Guitar - Garden City HS - April 3-4, 2024
All-State solos, All-State Jazz and All State Vocal Jazz- Freeport HS - May 10-11, 2024

There is a NYSSMA Manual (Edition 33, effective July 2022) in every music office – pieces must be selected from this manual. Please consult your school music teacher (or private music instructor, if applicable) regarding your choice of piece. **All students must register through a Mineola Music Teacher and should perform the chosen selection for the music teacher prior to the festival.**

Before you make the commitment to participate, keep in mind that along with the benefits mentioned above, comes responsibility. It will be up to you to practice on your own. Your teacher's availability to help you with your solo will be limited, so your self-motivation needs to be high. Should a student be unprepared for their audition, a teacher may recommend that the student not perform – in this case, no refunds are possible.

Please complete the following application for an audition time. If you have a specific conflict with a certain day or time, please describe the conflict on the form. There are no guarantees this request can be accommodated.

Fees for the 2024 festivals are:

Level 1-4: \$16	Level 5-6: \$24	All State: \$30
Piano Level 1-4: \$22	Piano Level 5-6: \$30	

Please fill out the attached form and return it to your music teacher with a check for the proper amount payable to **MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL**

Regular solos Levels 1-6 ,Piano and Classical Guitar - Payment Due Friday February 2, 2024
All-State solos, All-State Jazz and All State Vocal Jazz - Payment due Friday March 15, 2024

The mission of the Mineola Union Free School District is to inspire each student to be a life-long learner, pursue excellence, exhibit strength of character and contribute positively to a global society.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Which NYSSMA Festival do I attend?

This year, Garden City High School is the host for regular instrumental, vocal, piano, and classical guitar levels 1-6, and non All-State jazz. This is the majority of students going to perform at a NYSSMA festival. All State Instrumental and Vocal, All State Jazz and Vocal Jazz is hosted at Freeport High School.

What is all-state?

All-State is only open to 10th or 11th graders who are competing for the chance to perform with the top students in New York the following December.

What if my solo isn't in the Manual?

There are two choices. First- select a different solo that's in the manual. Second- perform the solo for "comments only"- the rating will be listed as "Comments Only," which means that no grade is given.

What if I want to change my solo from the one written on the application?

That's fine- with the following explanation

1. If you signed up for a Level 1-4 solo, you can move to any other Level 1-4 solo.
2. If you signed up for a Level 5-6 solo, you can move to any other Level 5-6 solo. You can also move down to Level 1-4 if desired.
3. If you signed up for a Level 1-4 solo, you may not move up to a Level 5-6 solo, as it comes with a higher fee and a longer time slot.

What do I wear to my audition?

There is no dress code for NYSSMA, but keep in mind that this is a performance, so dress accordingly

What do I bring to the audition?

- Your Playing permit which you will get from the Mineola Music Teacher that you gave your paperwork to.
- Your music. (ORIGINALS ONLY- ABSOLUTELY NO PHOTO-COPIES!!!) You will need music for yourself and for the judge. If your piece has a piano part and you won't have an accompanist who'll need it, you can give that to the judge- saving you from having to obtain a second music sheet. To avoid problems, purchase your sheet music from Catalano and **not** an online publisher.

Can anyone come into the audition with me?

Yes! You can bring anyone you'd like into the audition. They can listen to your scales/rudiments and your solo/ensemble selection. However, they have to leave the room during the sight-reading portion of the audition.

NYSSMA SOLO FESTIVAL APPLICATION FORM
RETURN THIS FORM WITH A CHECK TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER
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IMPORTANT- THIS APPLICATION IS FOR ONE AUDITION ONLY. PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR EACH AUDITION.
PLEASE PROVIDE SEPARATE PAYMENT WITH EACH APPLICATION.

Student's Name _____ School _____ Grade _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Teacher _____ Instrument _____ Solo Level _____ Jazz YES or NO

Solo Name _____ Composer/Arranger _____

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Accompanist's Name Vocal and All-State _____
Instrumental All-State Auditions REQUIRE an accompaniment.

Check off which festival this form corresponds to:

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Because of the following unavoidable conflict _____, I am requesting the following audition time _____.

****Please note that there are no guarantees.**

Fee for this audition: _____ \$16 Level 1-4 _____ \$24 Level 5-6 _____ \$30 All-State

PIANO ONLY: _____ \$22 Piano Levels 1-4 _____ \$30 Piano Levels 5-6

ALL CHECKS ARE TO BE MADE OUT TO MINEOLA HIGH SCHOOL AND ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. (Do not staple or tape the check to this form.)

****DUETS or TRIOS should write one check for the total amount of the audition.**