**Mineola High School**

**Tri-M Membership Application**

**What is Tri-M?**

* The Tri-M Music Honor Society is a program of the [National Association for Music Education](https://nafme.org/) (NAfME), which focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy.
* Tri-M is the only music honor society for high school students in the United States.
* Tri-M recognizes students that have gone above and beyond both academically and musically.
* Tri-M also provides students leadership opportunities to make a difference in their community through music-based service projects.
* There are more than 2,100 chapters across 50 states and 15 countries.

**Membership Criteria**

1. The student must be enrolled in both:

a) A curricular Mineola High School performing music organization. (Concert Band, Orchestra, Chorus)

b) An extra-curricular music ensemble (Jazz Ensemble, Big Band, A Cappella, Dynamics, String Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Color Guard) or AP Music Theory.   
   
2. The student must maintain a grade of 95 or better in their primary curricular organization.  
  
3. The student must maintain an overall average GPA of 85 or better.  
  
4. The student must attend the NYSSMA Solo Festival each year and must earn a grade of Excellent or Outstanding on a level 3 or 4 solo or a grade of at least 90 on a level 5 or 6 solo.  
  
5. As part of the initiation process, each student must write a 1-3 page essay on why it is essential that every person receive a comprehensive education in music and why music is important in his or her life. Essays must be submitted to Mr. Ratner no later than April 1st.