

# The IMEA “All-State” Future Music Educators Seminar

## The Concept

In an effort to identify and encourage potential future music educators into the profession, IMEA has created a forum for high school students at the annual All-State Conference: The IMEA All-State Future Music Educators Seminar. These selected students will be mentored and exposed to various aspects of the profession. This is not a performance ensemble but, rather, a professional group. The group will stay together through the entire Conference to gain insight into the diverse aspects of the music education profession and to facilitate discussion. In addition, sessions specifically designed for these future teachers will be presented.

## Eligible Students

Students in grades 10, 11 or 12 who are considering a career in music education are eligible to attend the Seminar. The student must be enrolled or participate in a recognized, sanctioned music class or activity at their school. These students will not be eligible to participate in any All-State performing ensemble during any year in which they take part in the Seminar. Students may participate in the Seminar more than once. However, preference will be given to first time participants.

## The Mentor

The Seminar members will work with an experienced music educator, much like the All-State ensemble members work with a conductor. The mentor will guide the students throughout the Conference, moderate discussion about sessions attended and the music education profession, and facilitate the special content sessions.

## Application Process

Students will complete an application process that will include the following three components:

- \*\*\* The student nomination form is included in the on-line “RNS” (Registration/Nomination/Selection) System. It is coded “FMES” and is located on the “Forms” page accessible to all registered participating schools.
- \*\*\* Their musical resume (awards, achievements, participation)
- \*\*\* An essay about their music educator career aspirations (attached to the FMES Form).

Completed Seminar applications should be returned to the IMEA State Office by clicking on “Submit” on the on-line form.

Application Deadline to the State Office: November 13, 2009

Incomplete Applications or those received after November 13 will not be considered.

## Selection Process

Students will be selected to participate in the Seminar during the All-State Selection Meeting (Sunday, November 22, 2009). Applicants also eligible for performance participation will be assigned to band, chorus, jazz or orchestra ensembles as a first priority unless IMEA is notified, in writing, with an attachment to the application, that the student prefers FMES.

There will be a maximum of 45 students selected to participate in the Seminar. Each IMEA District will be guaranteed 2 participants. Every effort will be made to insure geographic representation with a balance between band, choral, general music, jazz, orchestra and technology interest areas.

## Notification Process

Notification of acceptance will be sent with the All-State selection results in early December. Student names will be included on the All-State Billing sheet and a participation fee of \$25.00 per student will be assessed. Payment is due immediately upon receipt of notification.