Frequently Asked Questions

Who completes the ANHE application? The student completes the application, pays the $35.00 fee and submits it by May 8, 2015. The student’s director/teacher receives an email that the application has been submitted and then submits a recommendation for the student.

Who is eligible to apply? All Applicants Must:
1. Be in grade 10, 11 or 12 during the 2015-2016 school year.
2. Attend schools in one of the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia or a DOD school.
3. Students must be accepted to their states 2014-2015 All-State Festival. If no All-State festival is held during the 2014-2015 academic year, the 2014-2015 Division Festival will be acceptable. If your state MEA does not sponsor an All-State Festival, the state MEA will determine which students are eligible to receive an invitation to apply.
4. Be a member of his/her school’s choral, string, or instrumental ensemble corresponding with the ensemble for which the application is made.
5. Receive endorsement for his/her ensemble director (must be a current member of NAfME).

The final determination of eligibility for the All-National Honor Ensemble program is made by the student’s state music education association (MEA). Some states may require that students are both selected AND perform in their All-State. Students must follow the directive of their individual state MEA with regard to participation. Students who fail to comply with their individual state requirements will not be eligible to participate in the NAfME All-National Honor program.

What do the fees cover? $650 is for a quad room, (4 students to a room/ 2 beds), $850 is for a double room. (2 students to a room/2 beds) The fees cover:
1. Housing (3 nights) at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel
2. Meals: Sunday, light dinner/snack; Monday and Tuesday, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner; Wednesday, Breakfast and Box Lunch.
3. Transportation to and from the airport
4. Other activities

Which piece should I use for my audition? It MUST be a video audition. Students should prepare 2 minutes of the piece they used for their all-state audition. If your state does not publish an approved repertoire list OR if your state does not have an All-State program, please choose a selection from standard solo repertoire that would be appropriate for a high school festival or a college audition with guidance from your ensemble director.

Do I need to play with an accompanist? Students can choose to play their audition with or without an accompanist. Ask your ensemble director which would be the best choice for you!

How long should my video audition be? The recommended length is 2 minutes. The application also permits you to upload a second video of up to 2 minutes. This can be music of your choosing. It is not required.

May I play my audition video with a program like Music Minus One or SmartMusic? Yes!

My file is large/I can’t upload my video! Support questions should be sent to support@getacceptd.com. They can help you with all of your uploading needs.
May I be considered for both ANHE band and orchestra? All winds and brass are automatically considered for both ensembles. If you would like to apply separately you may submit 2 separate applications.

When will I find out if I have been accepted? You will receive notification at the end of June 2015.

Once accepted, where do I mail the forms? You may email them to honorensembles@nafme2.org or mail them to NAfME 1806 Robert Fulton Dr. Reston, VA 20191

May I request a roommate? Unfortunately we cannot honor roommate requests

Will tickets be available for purchase for the concert at the Grand Ole Opry House? Yes, that link will be posted on the website.

May I leave at any time during the event to spend time with my family? You must remain with your group chaperone for all meals, rehearsals, and scheduled activities. You may plan activities with your family or friends either before check-in on the 25th or after the concert on the 28th.

I will not be able to transport my instrument, will NAfME have instruments available to rent? With the exception of some percussion instruments, NAfME will not be responsible for acquiring or renting any instruments. It is solely the responsibility of the student to make sure they have an instrument.

Additional questions please email: honorensembles@nafme2.org.