



**National Association  
for Music Education**



## **What does NAFME membership provide for Ohio music teachers? (What exactly happens to those national dues?)**

Your national dues allow you access to programs and services in the areas of...

- professional resources and development
- networking and advancement
- advocacy
- student opportunities
- other professional and personal services for educators

... all available to you as a member of NAFME.

### **Professional Resources and Development**

- Our quarterly magazine, *Teaching Music*, and our five journals, including *Music Educators Journal*, are all available in an online archive going back decades, and all free to members at [NAfME Publications](#). This includes all the research studies conducted by your fellow members over the years. Free professional development clock hours are available for many *MEJ* articles.
- As a NAFME member, you can join the Society for Research in Music Education and the Society for Music Teacher Education, and you can present at the Biennial Music Research and Teacher Education Conference and National In-Service Conferences.
- We offer standards-based resources on our website, free to members. Examples are our collaboration with the Library of Congress “[NAfME Teaching with Primary Sources Curriculum Units for the 2014 Music Standards](#)” and [lessons for Music In Our Schools Month](#)<sup>®</sup>.
- You will also find numerous teaching ideas on [the NAFME blog](#), posted by NAFME members and collaborators. As a member, you can become a contributor!
- In response to COVID-19, we launched a [Professional Learning Community](#) with dozens of webinars that include free professional development clock hours. For a nominal additional fee, just \$20, members can access [NAfME Academy](#)<sup>®</sup>, with a multitude of webinars available for clock hours – for professional development on your own time.
- And in this challenging time of [COVID-19](#), we have provided new guidance for members on safely going back to school, copyright issues in distance learning, [diversity and access](#), and more, including a collection of [Virtual Learning Resources](#).

### **Networking and Advancement**

Tens of thousands of NAFME members form our network of committed music educators addressing standards, assessment, scheduling, diversity, and more to advance the profession and help music educators to be taken seriously. These members are a resource for you! Join conversations, become a mentor, ask questions, get help with your challenges. We can connect you with peers from across the country and around the world.

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NAfME membership provides **leadership and advancement opportunities** to members through elected governance positions, Societies and Councils participation, Collegiate and Tri-Music Honor Society chapter leadership, presentations at our National Conference, acting as state chair for NAfME programs, and the opportunity to publish articles on our website or in our magazines. Take advantage of these chances to advance your career.

## Advocacy

NAfME provides the 21st-century advocacy and resources that will help you protect your music program locally while your NAfME staff work to support music programs around the country on the national level. Resources include:

- Resources such as the free [Civic Action Field Guide](#), our free [Advocacy Grassroots Action Center](#), and free [quarterly Advocacy Webinars](#)
- NAfME staff available to assist you with your local advocacy efforts
- Lobbying on your behalf on Capitol Hill throughout the year
- Partnerships with like-minded organizations and coalitions to engage decision makers about the importance of music education, such as [Arts Education Is Essential](#)

## Student Opportunities

We know you are in this profession to change students' lives! So NAfME provides student opportunities to expand their music education experience, and at the same time, help you spotlight your music program. Students of NAfME members can participate in:

- [Tri-M Music Honor Society](#)
- [All-National Honor Ensembles](#)
- [Annual Composition Contests](#): Student Composers, Electronic Music, and Songwriting

## Professional and Personal Services

These services can save you money and provide you with invaluable support.

- Through an agreement with ASCAP and BMI, NAfME- or State MEA-sponsored groups are granted performance rights of music managed by these organizations. (This covers only performances sponsored by NAfME or federated state associations of NAfME.)
- Free resume posting on NAfME's online [Career Center](#).
- Favorable group pricing, specialized coverages, and association discounts on insurance protection from leading carriers, including professional liability insurance. Plans are provided through the Trust for Insuring Educators (TIE), of which NAfME is a member.
- Members can access ID Theft Assist, a partnership between a leading credit bureau and a respected 24/7 crisis response team providing a comprehensive identity recovery system. NAfME has arranged to provide this valuable protection for members.

## And finally ...

Remember that your dues aren't just about what you "get." Choosing to be a member of NAfME and OMEA means you support the shaping and advancing of your profession, so that music education continues to be a part of every child's education, and so that every music educator has the chance to fulfill their passion for teaching music. Your national membership allows us to successfully advocate for music education at the federal level. We need YOU in order to make the case that what we all care about – that a quality music education is an essential part of well-rounded education – is a **unified** position.

*Bonus:* NAfME wants to help our family of state associations grow and prosper. We can collaborate with OMEA on organizational development, advocacy efforts, and other support. We want to be your partner in advancing music education!