

2019 NCDA MIDDLE LEVEL HONOR CHOIR (Grades 7-9)

The Nebraska Choral Directors Association is pleased to announce auditions for the 2019 NCDA Middle Level Honor Choir. Our clinician this year is Ryan Beeken. Ryan Beeken proudly serves as director of Choral Studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where he conducts the University Chorale, Chorus, and Chamber Singers. In addition, he teaches graduate and undergraduate choral conducting and supervises student teachers. Beeken also serves as artistic director for the Blair Concert Chorale, whose mission includes fostering a growing appreciation of quality choral music for the population of south central Pennsylvania.

This choir is open by audition to students who are currently in grades 7-9. This event will take place **July 7-9, 2019** at Doane University in conjunction with the Nebraska Choral Directors Association Summer Conference. Doane University, which is located in Crete, NE, is a beautiful campus with wonderful rehearsal/performance and housing facilities.

The most gifted seventh, eighth and ninth grade singers from across the state will be selected to participate in this choir. We are pleased to announce that the sponsoring teacher **does not need to be a current member of the Nebraska Choral Directors Association.**

PLEASE FOLLOW THE AUDITION PROCEDURES CAREFULLY.

- Your very best and brightest singers should be represented in the audition recordings.
- There is no limit to the number of high quality auditions that each director may submit.
- Singers must be able to sing "My Country 'Tis Of Thee" a cappella in the key indicated on the audition form.
- Each student will then be asked to sing a major scale on solfege or a neutral syllable in the key indicated.
- Finally, each singer needs to sing a 30-60 second excerpt from a song of their choice. This may be a solo or a piece that they have worked on in Choir. The song may be a cappella or accompanied.

The deadline for this audition is particularly important: completed audition materials need to be submitted no later than **FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019**. There is a \$5.00 fee associated with this audition. Each recorded audition needs to be uploaded to the event in Opus Events and all auditions need to be paid before consideration for the Honor Choir. The link is:

The cost is \$145.00 for those accepted to the choir. This includes all fees, a t-shirt, and room and board.

Each director is strongly encouraged to submit names and addresses for at least one chaperone who can attend the event and help sponsor kids--there is a separate form for that information. Chaperones receive free room and board but have to submit to a background check.

I hope that you will take advantage of this AMAZING opportunity to work with an extraordinary conductor and teacher.

Questions? Please email Lenore Weatherly, NCDA Middle School R & R Chair, lweatherly@nppsd.org

2019 NCDA MIDDLE LEVEL HONOR CHOIR AUDITION FORM

Doane University in Crete, NE

JULY 7-9, 2019

READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY.

Please submit registration materials and audition files via Opus Events. The link is: <https://audition.opusevent.com?domain=ncda>

or <https://audition.opusevent.com?eventid=217>

Audition forms must be submitted no later than **April 26, 2019**. Each audition must include the following:

1. The singer will state their name, grade, school and voice part.
2. The singer will sing, a cappella, "America (My Country 'tis of Thee)" in a comfortable key of their choosing.
3. The singer will sing a Major Scale on either solfege or a neutral syllable. Starting pitches are:
Soprano: F; Tenor: G; Alto: Bb; Bass: D.
4. The singer will sing with accompaniment or a capella, a solo of their choice, 30-60 seconds in length.