

## PROCEDURE FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPANIST

1. Mail a copy of the MENC card and the Outstanding Choral Student/Accompanist Registration Form (F-18) with fees to the District Chairman at least 4 weeks prior to the audition. A school fee is required for this event. Any school submitting forms postmarked after the deadline will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT.** If the school has students auditioning for OCS and OA at the same time, only 1 school fee is required.
2. Any student enrolled in a secondary (7-12) school choral program directed by a member of AVA is eligible to audition for OA.
3. Five accompanists may be selected - one for each All-State choir. When possible, runners-up will be selected.
4. At district level, a student may audition to accompany more than one choir but may be chosen as a winner for only one choir.
5. The student must be prepared to play ALL selections including *Alabama* for the All-State choir for which he/she is auditioning.
6. The student must be prepared to play open score, at any point, on all selections and will be expected to understand proper voice registration.
7. In case of four-hand accompaniment, students should be prepared to play both parts.
8. A winner does not have to be selected.
9. **WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPANY ALL-STATE AUDITION WARM-UPS.** If unable to fulfill this obligation, the winner will forfeit his/her place.
10. District winners must audition vocally and be selected for an All-State choir (SATB, SSA, TTBB) of their choice.
11. Males or females may audition as accompanist for any choir.
12. Directors must provide a copy of the resume for each judge at registration on the day of the audition including the following:
  - OA Resume Form (F-19)
  - A list of musical honors you have received
  - A current photograph
  - A letter of recommendation from the school choral director
  - A letter of recommendation from the piano teacher