

# *Application*

FOR THE PINNACLE OF MUSIC FESTIVALS



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# The Disney Honors

## THE DISNEY HONORS EXPERIENCE

*The Disney Honors* presents premier high school concert bands, orchestras and choral ensembles from throughout the country at the *Walt Disney World*® Resort in Florida. In a non-competitive, non-ranked, and supportive environment, *The Disney Honors* provides an unparalleled performance and educational experience for all participants.

Participating ensembles are nominated by music educators and selected through an application and audition process. Students experience a performance opportunity and a feedback session conducted by a distinguished panel of nationally recognized music educators. Ensembles take part in educational presentations and seminars, attend other ensemble performances and special events, all in a stimulating environment which promotes personal growth and musical achievement.

## ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

### ELIGIBILITY

#### Eligible High School Ensembles:

Concert Bands, Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensembles

Full Orchestras, String Orchestras and Chamber Orchestras

Mixed Choirs, Women's Choirs, Men's Chorus, Chamber Choirs, and Vocal Ensembles

### APPLICATION PROCESS

#### Nominations

Directors must request a nomination from three (3) tenured music educators or school/district administrators who have had direct contact with the Director, the applicant ensemble and the music program. Directors provide the nominator with the Ensemble Nomination Form and the deadline for submission. Nominators submit the form directly to *The Disney Honors* office. Please confirm that your nominators are able to submit this form on or before the deadline.

#### Application Form

Directors complete and submit one application per ensemble. (*Copy a blank application for additional ensembles.*)

#### Audition Audio & Video Recordings

Directors submit a twenty-minute audio CD/Audio Tape and a video recording of each applicant ensemble performing three selections of contrasting style which best presents the ensemble's artistic capabilities. The recording must have been recorded in the past school year with the applicant Director conducting. Please indicate whether any recorded selections will also be performed at the Festival. Please take the necessary time to carefully prepare and review your recording prior to submission. Recordings must be labeled with ensemble and school name, Director's name, date of recording, musical selections and timing.

#### Ensemble Photograph

Directors submit a 5" x 7" or larger non-returnable, color photograph of the ensemble in uniform. Please label the back of the photo with ensemble and school name, city and state and photo date.

#### Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of \$100.00 is required for each applicant ensemble and must be sent with the application. Checks are made payable to *Walt Disney Parks & Resorts*.

#### Submission

Directors submit the application form, audition recordings, ensemble photograph and application fee directly to *The Disney Honors* office. Space is limited, therefore, not all qualifying ensembles will receive an invitation. Early application is strongly encouraged. Please mail materials to the address provided on the application.

### SELECTION PROCESS

A Festival panel reviews all submitted materials in order of their postmark. Ensembles will be selected on the merit of their recordings, submitted nominations and application materials. Selected groups will receive an official invitation to attend *The Disney Honors*.

Directors with selected ensembles are contacted by a *Disney Honors* Manager to assist with festival information, planning and to initiate performance scheduling.

Participating ensembles will receive a Festival Handbook with detailed event information and required forms.

# The Disney Honors Ensemble Application Form

Please complete, review and return this application form, audition recordings, ensemble photograph and the \$100 application fee to *The Disney Honors* office. Applications will be reviewed once all components have been received.

## 1. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Applying for:

National Concert Band & Orchestra Invitational  National Choral Invitational

SCHOOL NAME

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NAME

ENSEMBLE'S NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

( )

( )

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

SCHOOL FAX NUMBER

( )

DIRECTOR'S NAME

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE PHONE

DIRECTOR'S HOME PHONE

DIRECTOR'S EMAIL *(Permission granted to follow-up with electronic correspondence)*

NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING AT THIS SCHOOL AND DIRECTOR'S EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING HISTORY *(Attachments are welcome)*

MENC MEMBER?  YES  NO

## 2. MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Type of Ensemble Applying:  Band  Orchestra  Chorus # of students last school year:

Provide a brief overview of your music program and attach a sample program and/or copy of a festival rating from the past two years.

# of students anticipated to perform at festival:

Rehearsal time each week:  # of students studying privately:  Total school enrollment:

## 3. TRAVEL PLANNER COMPANY INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

COMPANY NAME

TRAVEL PLANNER CONTACT

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

( )

( )

PHONE #

FAX #

EMAIL *(Permission granted to follow-up with electronic correspondence)*

#### 4. NOMINATORS

Please provide the names of three tenured music educators or school/district administrators who have agreed to submit a nomination form for your ensemble. Each nominator must complete and forward the Ensemble Nomination Form directly to *The Disney Honors* office.

1. _____	_____	_____
	TITLE	CONTACT NUMBER
2. _____	_____	_____
	TITLE	CONTACT NUMBER
3. _____	_____	_____
	TITLE	CONTACT NUMBER

#### 5. AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Directors are strongly encouraged to carefully plan and prepare their ensemble audition recording. The recording may be specially recorded or taken from a concert that took place in the past school year.

A. Recording Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Recording Location: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Recorded Selections:

_____	_____	_____
TITLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER
_____	_____	_____
TITLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER
_____	_____	_____
TITLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER

#### 6. DIRECTOR'S & SCHOOL OFFICIAL'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This application is submitted with the knowledge and approval of the school and/or district administrators.

_____	____/____/____
ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR	DATE
_____	____/____/____
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR	DATE

*Please send your completed application and required materials to:*



**THE DISNEY HONORS**  
Disney Destinations, LLC  
Post Office Box 10111, Lake Buena Vista FL 32830  
*Courier Delivery (e.g. Fed Ex, UPS)*  
220 Celebration Place, Celebration, FL 34747  
866-752-0429

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## ENSEMBLE NOMINATION FORM

Please complete the following information and send directly to *The Disney Honors* office. Additional information may be attached.

### 1. APPLICANT ENSEMBLE

ORGANIZATION NAME	DIRECTOR'S NAME	
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
( )	( )	
PHONE	FAX	

### 2. NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NAME	TITLE	
ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION	
CITY	STATE	ZIP
( )	( )	
PHONE	FAX	EMAIL (Permission granted to follow-up with electronic correspondence)

### 3. QUALIFICATIONS

How long have you known the Director and this organization?

Have you conducted or worked with the applicant ensemble?

Special performances or recognition ensemble or director have received.

Please indicate primary justification for the ensemble's nomination to *The Disney Honors*.

Please rate the level of your recommendation for this ensemble. (Please circle one.)

- A. I Recommend without reservation
- B. I Recommend this ensemble
- C. I am not able to recommend this ensemble

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE / /

Please forward this form to *The Disney Honors* office via fax (407-566-7688) or mail

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