



CMEA Band and Orchestra Festival

DATE AND LOCATION

The California State Band and Orchestra Festival, presented by World Projects, will be held on Friday, April 25, 2025, in the world class Weill Hall at Sonoma State University.



PREREQUISITES

Participating groups must have received a Unanimous Superior rating at a CMEA sanctioned festival or have participated in a Comments Only CMEA sanctioned festival during Spring Semester of 2024. CMEA sanctioned festivals include festivals hosted by CMEA Sections, the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA), and the Northern California Band Association (NCBA). Participating directors must be members in good standing of CMEA both at the time of application and the festival performance. Applications include a recording of the ensemble performing approximately 15 minutes of music with at least two works that best demonstrate the group's abilities. All recordings will be uploaded with the online application.

The application deadline is June 30, 2024.

Here is the link to the application:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LCzEHUGD0n9RX-OrX9jasj_OK-WhQsysCd928zAg2XUs/edit

SELECTION PROCESS

In addition to submitting audio files and copies of qualifying adjudication sheets, the application asks for information about your school size and demographics. The intent of this festival is to showcase outstanding band and orchestra ensembles that represent the diversity of our great state.

FUTURE YEARS FESTIVALS

We plan to return to Cerritos College in Southern California in Spring 2026 and return to Sonoma State in Northern California in Spring 2027. We plan to continue this pattern into the future.

FESTIVAL PERFORMANCE ADJUDICATION

Each ensemble participating in the California State Band and Orchestra Festival will receive recorded comments from a panel of three prominent adjudicators and receive a 20-minute in-person clinic with one of the adjudicators immediately following the performance. You must provide three original scores for each piece your ensemble will perform.

AWARDS/HONORS

The competitive aspect of this festival is the selection process. All ensembles that have been selected and perform at the festival will receive an "Outstanding Performance" plaque following their performance.

PARTICIPANT FEE

The participant fee for 2025 is \$475 and is due no later than November 30, 2024.

QUESTIONS?

Contact John Burn, CMEA State Band & Orchestra Festival Coordinator, at jburn@calmusiced.com.