

## NYSSMA General Information

Dear Students and Parents,

The NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Music Festivals is adjudication for the advancement of solo and ensemble skills. This year the evaluation process will be done virtually. All Roslyn student instrumentalists, pianists and vocalists in grades 1-12 are eligible to participate in the NYSSMA festivals. (Students wishing to audition for All State must currently be in tenth or eleventh grade.) Students are given the opportunity to perform a prepared piece either virtually before a judge or to upload a pre-recorded solo. They will receive a written evaluation and grade. For older students, these marks weigh heavily on their acceptance into All County and All State organizations.

Music must be selected from the current NYSSMA Manual (Edition 32- Effective July 2018). If your child is enrolled in private instruction he/she should consult the private teacher regarding the choice of music, otherwise the school music teacher can assist in selecting a piece. It is the responsibility of the student to prepare the music for these festivals, however all students must register through a Roslyn school music teacher.

If your son/daughter is interested in participating, please download and fill out the appropriate form, and return it along with the correct fee to his/her school music teacher no later than **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. **NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The registration fees for the different festivals are below. Within 48 hours of receipt of your child's registration materials, the school music teacher will email you a confirmation receipt. If you do not get this email confirmation, or if you have any questions regarding NYSSMA, contact a music teacher in the building your child attends.

### Fees:

- Levels 1-4 \$16
- Levels 5-6 \$24
- All State \$30

### The Process:

- A selected piece of music must be purchased by the student/parent
- The student will be registered by their school music teacher after receiving the completed registration form and payment is confirmed
- During the upload dates, students will log on to a website (given by their music teacher) and complete the following 4 tasks.
  1. Registration and Scan Original Music
  2. Performance of prepared scales
  3. Perform their solo or upload their pre-recorded solo (.mp4, .mov or .wmv formats accepted)
  4. Play a sight reading excerpt
- Students will have two chances during the upload dates to submit their performance