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Delegate	Choir
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All-Virginia Chorus Commitment Form
Virginia Choral Directors Association, VMEA

Please fill out the commitment form below, obtain signatures and return this form to your choral director. **Please print clearly in BLACK ink.**

Voice Part: SI SII AI AII TI TII BI BII

First Name:	Last Name:	District:
Height in <u>Inches</u>:	Director Name:	T-shirt Size:
Grade:	Director Cell phone:	
School Name:	School Street Address:	
City:	Zip:	

Any student, that has fulfilled the All-District Chorus requirements, is currently enrolled in a school choral performance organization recognized by the school division, and recommended by the school choral director, is eligible to audition for the All-Virginia Chorus. If selected as a participant or alternate for the All-Virginia Chorus, they must attend ALL rehearsals, official activities, and culminating concert from **April 18-20, 2024**, in order to maintain eligibility in the All-Virginia Chorus. Should they be absent from or tardy to any All-Virginia rehearsals or concert for any reason not approved by the VCDA President, their position must be forfeited.

Health and Insurance Information

I authorize the choir director of my child’s school or an official of the All-Virginia Chorus to take precautions deemed necessary by a qualified physician. I understand that this would be done only in an emergency situation.

Insurance Company:	
ID#	
Group/Individual#	
If no insurance or not providing, sign here	
Emergency Contact Phone #	
Alternate Contact Phone #	


****Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions:** _____

(If none, please write n/a)

<p>I am pleased to recommend this student as a prospective member of the All-VA Chorus for 2024 and I realize I am responsible for this student during the All-Virginia Event</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Choral Director Signature)</p>	<p>If selected as a member of the All-Virginia Chorus, this student has my endorsement and congratulations. I understand that this student’s director or a chaperone, which I have designated in writing to accompany them to this event in accordance with the VMEA Constitution. It is further understood that the choral director must be a member of NAFME/VMEA or pay a participation fee in order for this student to participate.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Principal Signature)</p>
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All-Virginia Chorus Contract

I have read and understand all rules, regulations, expectations, and consequences that apply to my participation in the All-Virginia Chorus. I further understand that this form with the required information and signatures must be submitted on time to the President of VCDA before I am permitted to participate in All-Virginia Chorus.

<p>_____</p> <p>Student Signature</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Parent Signature</p>	 <p>_____</p> <p>Virginia Choral Directors Association President</p>
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ALL REGULATIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAGE MUST BE READ and attached to or printed on the reverse of this page.

All-Virginia Chorus Regulations: All participants must abide by the regulations as printed on this form. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in dismissal from the chorus. It is the parent's responsibility to work with the principal and choral director to appropriately arrange for the student to be removed from the event location immediately.

1. No use of tobacco in any form or possession of the same.
2. No alcoholic beverages to be purchased or consumed during the entirety of the event.
3. Drugs are not allowed in any form. (Advise your director of any prescription medications you are taking, follow your school policies)
4. Good manners, respectful behavior and courtesy shall be always shown to fellow students and adults in positions of authority.
5. The student is obligated to attend the entirety of all rehearsals and the concert, unless excused for personal illness or family emergency. Furthermore, the student must participate in the event in its entirety including meals, and other official events. Excused absences due to illness will be determined only on the condition that the student's illness is severe enough that continued participation would be harmful to the student's health and/or that of other participants.
6. All students are expected to wear the appropriate designated attire for the concert. District Representatives will make sure that directors of participating students receive the information before the event.

Regulation Consequences: If the student violates any of the above regulations they will be dismissed from the All-Virginia Chorus and sent home at their own parent or guardian's expense with no monies refunded. A letter to the director, Principal, and parent/guardian will be sent home to inform all concerned.

All-Virginia Chorus Housing Expectations: Housing is now the responsibility of each school. It is suggested that school districts work together to transport and house all students participating in the All-Virginia Event. Each school and teacher will be responsible for handling this as a field trip, according to their own district regulations. School Districts local to the event may choose to operate on a day trip schedule, and not stay in the event hotels.

All-Virginia Rehearsal Expectations: Each student will use appropriate rehearsal techniques, discipline, and good manners in all rehearsals. This includes:

1. Arrive on time or early for all rehearsals.
2. Having a music and pencil at all times
3. Singing only the part to which they were assigned.
4. Sitting in their assigned seat during every rehearsal unless officially changed.
5. Being prepared in advance of the "note check" session with all music.
6. Staying on task at all times and not talking during rehearsal.
7. Maintain proper singing posture (sit up straight, feet flat on the floor, music up with eyes on the conductor).
8. No food, beverage or gum in rehearsal area.
9. Being in place when rehearsal is to begin.
10. Wear appropriate attire for rehearsals.
11. NO CELL PHONES DURING REHEARSAL.

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students (or chaperones) who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have been quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure should not attend the event. In these instances, students will be issued a refund for their registration.
2. Any student not in compliance with these protocols and procedures will be sent home immediately and will not receive a refund.

Rehearsal Consequences: A warning will be given to the student who breaks any of the above rehearsal expectations and the student's director will be informed of the issue. If the student breaks any of these rules a second time, they will be dismissed from the All-Virginia Chorus and sent home at their parent or guardian's expense with no monies refunded. A letter to the director, Principal, and parent/guardian will be sent to inform all concerned. Prior to auditioning for All-Virginia Chorus, students will be made aware of these expectations by their director. It is then the student's responsibility to conduct themselves as an outstanding choral student who has achieved one of the highest choral honors afforded in the state.

General Information:

1. Chaperones will be assigned to each rehearsal area to monitor behavior and student participation.
2. Contact your chaperone/director for any emergency or assistance.

ASSUMPTION OF COVID-19 RISK:

By participating in this event, I acknowledge that I fully understand the nature and extent of the risks presented by COVID-19 due to my in-person participation at this event, including the risk that Covid-19 may lead to severe illness or death. I also understand and acknowledge that there are risks of exposure to COVID-19, whether resulting from travel through high-risk areas, the failure of other individuals to follow proper COVID-19 protocols, such as maintaining proper social distancing and proper hygiene measures, and other such risks. While I understand that VMEA/NAfME has taken reasonable steps to address the risks presented by COVID-19, I recognize that the COVID-19 protocols being utilized at the event may be insufficient to prevent my contracting COVID-19 and suffering any related injuries, and that I expressly nevertheless assume all of these risks.

With full knowledge of the risks involved, therefore, I hereby release, waive, and discharge VMEA/NAfME, its officers, directors, employees, contractors, and agents, from any and all liability, loss, damage, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, including reasonable attorneys' fees, directly or indirectly arising out of or related to any loss, damage, injury, or death, that may be sustained by me while participating in this event or while in, on, or around the event premises that may lead to exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

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