



To: Tennessee High School Choral Directors
From: Robert King, State Festival Manager
Date: February 5, 2014
Re: TNACDA Invitation – State Choral Festival, and MORE!

I hope this message finds you having a good school year with your choir program. I feel blessed every day to be able to work as a choir director, and am so proud of the excellent choral programs across our state. The activities of our regional TMEA affiliate vocal associations, and organizations like ACDA have contributed significantly to my professional growth, and speaking for TNACDA President Vincent Oakes, High School R & S Chair Brian Russell, and all of our officers, we want to continue to enhance the choral art into the future.

Primarily this letter is to encourage you to participate in adjudications. Hopefully you are already planning to sing in your Regional Adjudication, and for those who make a “Superior” at that event, to continue to the State Choral Festival April 22-25. Once again 3 regional sites are planned to make the event more accessible and cost effective for participants, moving the same panel of judges to each site to assure a consistent standard statewide. Objective critiques are the lifeblood of improvement, both for directors, and ultimately for the benefit of our students. The grades are secondary. Receiving suggestions for how we can continually improve is the real objective. Also the prestige of singing at the State event can provide an additional motivation for choristers. We hope you will seriously consider taking part.

Attached is important information about the event, including guidelines, dates & locations, and fees. Also note that there are 2 days in Nashville due to overcrowding the last few years. We need choirs choosing the Nashville site to be flexible as to which day they can come so we can balance those 2 days. It is fine to state your preferred day, and we will attempt to accommodate those requests.

Send Fees to:

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Registration will be on our web site <http://tnacda.org/> where you can also learn more about our summer conference June 20-21, and links to our National and Regional conferences, and more! Please do not hesitate to contact me (Robert.king@lipscomb.edu) if I may be of any assistance.