



MUSIC ADJUDICATION

The MHS has specific requirements for adjudicators of Montana's festivals. Each festival chair is responsible for ensuring that only CERTIFIED adjudicators are utilized.

TO ORDER ADJUDICATION MATERIALS, email Jo Austin (jpaustin@mhsa.org) or Theresa Stanisich (tstanisich@mhsa.org) at the Montana High School Association office and request the DVD or CD version of the materials.

REQUIREMENTS:

Adjudicators are required to update every five (5) years by taking another seminar or by adjudicating one (1) time within the five (5) year period following the initial seminar.

Prospective adjudicators not on the approved list must:

- A. Be fully trained prior to the festival by taking the full length MHS training seminar.
- B. If from out of state, have taken the National Federation adjudication training seminar as part of their state's training and furnish written verification of same to the festival chair.

To be fully certified for adjudication in Montana, each adjudicator is required to be qualified in two (2) of the following areas AND complete the MHS training seminar.

- Adjudicated within the past five (5) years.
- Completed five (5) years of successful teaching.
- Teach music on faculty at a college or university.
- Hold a performance degree in music.
- Hold a master's degree in music.
- Have significant professional performance experience.
- Be recommended by three (3) or more music teachers in MHS member schools (letters required to be sent to MHS).