

Elmhurst University Midwest Honor Orchestra – October 3, 2026
A nomination-based string ensemble

We are excited to announce the second annual **Elmhurst University Midwest Honor Orchestra** on **Saturday, October 3, 2026**.

This selective ensemble of 40–50 outstanding high school musicians will rehearse and perform together in a one-day festival. I am honored to conduct this special group and make music at the highest level with your students.

We invite you to nominate your students for this event. Thank you in advance for your collaboration! We are eager to create an exceptional musical experience for your students!

Festival Schedule - Saturday, October 3, 2026

8:30 AM | Check-in (Arrive already wearing a concert black)

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Full Rehearsal

12:00 PM | Lunch Break (Lunch will be provided at cafeteria.)

1:00 – 3:15 PM | Full Rehearsal

4:00 PM | Performance (Free admission)

Selection Process:

This event follows the first few chairs nomination concept, designed to bring together the finest players from each school without the competitive pressure of chair auditions. Only the strong players from each section should be nominated.

- Each school may nominate 2–3 students per instrument (violin, viola, cello, and bass).
- If no suitable player is available for an instrument, no nomination should be made.
- Directors will rate nominees and provide relevant details (ILMEA selection and chair placement, strong solo/section player, etc.).
- Selection and seating will be based on these ratings and comments.

Fee: \$30 per selected student (includes lunch). Payment is not required at the time of nomination; we will bill you later online.

Timeline:

September 4 - Nomination Form Due

September 8 - Notification of Selected Students

September 11 - Music Emailed to Directors

September 28 - Payment Due

Nomination Form: <https://form.jotform.com/252184392061050>

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