Applications are now being accepted for singers and musicians who would like to perform the National Anthem during the 2010 NCAA® College World Series® in Omaha, according to Katie Karmazin, National Anthem coordinator.

Interested performers will find application forms online at http://www.ncaa.com/sports/m-basebl/champpage/inc/div1/m-basebl-div1-anthem.html.

March 9 at 5 p.m. CT is the deadline for submitting completed applications to Meeting Event Design Inc., 5010 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68132, or electronically to Katie@cwsomaha.com.

Applications must be accompanied by one a cappella rendition (no voice enhancement or background music) or the National Anthem recorded on audiotape, CD or electronic music files. Tapes and CDs will not be returned. Studio quality recordings are not required.

“Due to space limitations, larger than 22 members are discouraged from applying,” Karmazin advised. A panel of judges will review all submitted tapes, CDs and music files and applicants will be notified of their status by mail the week of March 29.

The top 40 applicants will be asked to audition live at Rosenblatt Stadium on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 9 a.m. CT. Seventeen finalists will be selected to perform at the College World Series.

All applicants must be available to perform during the series, which starts on Saturday, June 19, and concludes on either Tuesday, June 29 or Wednesday, June 30.

The College World Series of Omaha Inc., began holding formal auditions in 1995 because of a growing interest in performing the National Anthem.

Musicians and singers from throughout the Midwest compete each year to perform before an average of more than 20,000 people who attend each College World Series game.