

STMTA Elementary School Piano Competition

COMPETITION RULES

Application and Deadline Information

- Applications are due by March 15, 2026.
- The competition will be limited to the first 24 applicants in each judging category. Refunds will be made if a category is filled.

Entrance Fee

- A non-refundable entrance fee of \$20 (students of STMTA members) or \$25 (students of non-members) must accompany each application. New members are welcome and can download an application at www.stmta.org.

Eligibility

- Students must be in grades K-5.

Memorization

- Must be performed from memory.

Rules for Copies of Scores

- Contestants must provide one original copy of each score for the judges' use.
- The use of any photocopied scores by performers, accompanists, or for the judges is not allowed, and will disqualify a student from the competition.

Adjudication

- Judges' decisions are final.
- The judges reserve the right to hear only part of a prepared solo, in the interest of time.
- Judges reserve the right to declare no winner in a category.

Application and Scheduling Information

- Personal schedules and confirmation information will be mailed to students by March 20, 2026.
- Due to the complexity of scheduling multiple auditions throughout the day, personal requests for warm-up or performance times cannot be guaranteed.

Guidelines

- Failure to adhere to the competition rules will result in disqualification.

Inquiries should be directed to

Katrina Kemmery, 607-343-5372

Mail Application Form to

STMTA Competition
C/O Joanne Peters
P.O. Box 234
Apalachin, NY 13732

CONTEST I -- SOLO COMPETITION

Saturday, March 28, 2026

First place winners in each judging category will receive a cash award of \$50. Second place winners will receive \$20 each. Honorable Mention may be awarded at the judge's discretion. First prize winners will perform their selection(s) on the Winners' Recital at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 305 Murray Hill Rd, Vestal, NY on Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL RULES

- Each contestant is limited to a total of 5 minutes of music.
- A movement of a sonata or concerto is acceptable. Other single-movement works are acceptable.
- Transcriptions are not permitted.
- One original copy of each composition must be provided for the judges' use.
- Contestants will receive written comments from judges at a later date.

REQUIRED WORK

Pieces should be at a Level 1-4 playing level.

CONTEST II -- CONCERTO COMPETITION

Elementary piano winners are not eligible for Contest II.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

Applications are due by March 15, 2026.

(Please type or print all information clearly.)

Name _____ Student's Age _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____ Parent(s)' name(s) _____

Elementary school _____ Grade _____

School music teacher _____ Phone _____

Private teacher _____ Phone _____

WE ARE AWARE OF A CONFLICT WITH THE FOLLOWING BCMEA ALL-COUNTY ENSEMBLES AND THE DATE OF OUR AUDITIONS:

- Grades 5-6 Band
- Grades 7-9 Orchestra
- Grades 10-12 Chorus
- Grades 10-12 Jazz Band

If you believe this student will be impacted by this event, CHECK HERE _____, and alternative audition requirements will be emailed to you BY MARCH 20TH.

Contest I: Solo Competition

Instrument _____ Category _____

Piano accompanist _____ Phone _____

If you do not know your accompanist now, please provide this information as soon as possible, to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Repertoire: *Include full title of the work, the specific movement to be performed, and the composer's full name.*

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Enclosed payment *(please check)* _____ \$20 (students of members) _____ \$25 (students of non-members)
Make check payable to STMTA.