



COLLABORATIVE PIANISTS GUILD OF UTAH

Seventh Annual Young Collaborative Pianists Competition 2026

Application and payment due by midnight April 6, 2026

Video and music pdf submission uploaded by midnight of April 11, 2026

Winners announced via email and social media on April 15, 2026

Winners' concert on April 18, 2026. Location & time TBA

~ Rules updated March 11, 2026 ~

The **Seventh Annual Young Collaborative Pianists Competition** is sponsored by the Collaborative Pianists Guild of Utah to promote excellence in accompanying for student pianists. Participants will perform with their instrumentalist or vocalist (may not be another pianist) for adjudication. The top three performers in each age division will receive cash awards and be recognized on our social media sites as well as at a winners' recital.

Official Rules

Register at www.cpgu.org under the "Competition" tab by midnight April 6, 2026 and pay fee of \$25. The fee may be paid via Venmo or check. Instructions will be found on the registration form. Fees are non-refundable. Registration should be completed by the pianists' teachers, not students. Read all rules below before registering. **NOTE:** There must be at least 3 participants in each division for that division to continue. Fees will be refunded if fewer than 3 participants enter per division.

1. Age Divisions (for pianist only, not soloist). All ages are as of April 11, 2026.

The soloist can be any age and must NOT be another pianist. Only ONE musical partner is allowed (no duos, trios, quartets or other chamber music).

Junior - Ages 10-14 years (currently studying with a piano teacher)

Senior - Ages 15-18 years (still in high school and currently studying with a piano teacher)

Collegiate - Ages 18-25 years (currently studying piano in an undergraduate program)

2. Time Limits

Junior - 5 minutes Senior - 6 minutes Collegiate - 7 minutes

Students may make cuts which should be clearly shown on the music submitted with their videos. No cadenzas.

3. Residence of Registrants Pianists must be residents of Utah.

4. Previous Winners

First place winners in each category from previous Young Collaborative Pianists competitions cannot compete again until they are in the next age division.

5. Repertoire

Any original music from the published standard literature for instrumentalists and vocalists is allowed. For example: a concerto or sonata movement, show piece, piece from the Suzuki library. Pieces not allowed are commercial pop music, new age music or sacred music. Memory is not required for the pianist or the soloist.

6. Online Submission Instructions

Entrants will be emailed specific details to upload their video to YouTube after their registration is received and the entry fee is paid. They should also scan their music into pdf files and submit those as well. These items must be uploaded by midnight April 11, 2026. No judging will occur without completed submission and entry fee will be forfeited.

7. Winners' Recital

The first, second and third place winners in each age and open category are invited to perform with their soloists on April 18, 2026. Location and TBA. Prize money and certificates will be presented to the winners at this recital. If you can't play at the concert, awards will be mailed to the address on your application.

Contact for Questions - email questions to cpgu.org@gmail.com