

Statewide Youth Music Competition hosted by Madison-Morgan Cultural Center on February 3, 2024

Competition Information & Criteria

1. All Fourth Grade to Twelfth Grade applicants are prescreened by their preselected organizations and/or instructors. The online application may be submitted between November 17th, 2023 and January 22nd, 2024. Please note the competition is limited to the first 30 prescreened applicants. Non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 is required and payable through a link on the application.
2. Competition will take place on **Saturday, February 3, 2024 and begin promptly at 9:30 AM**. All participants should arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time slot. Each participant will receive their designated time slot within 10 days of the competition. **FIRST PLACE WINNER MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PERFORM on the evening of SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 2024** at the Grand Finale of the 22nd Annual Music Festival. We invite the 2nd and 1st place Runner's Up to attend the Grand Finale on May 16th as guests of the MMCC, as well, where they will be announced and acknowledged during this special Grand Finale Event.
3. The First Round will begin promptly at **9:30AM**. **The top 5** contestants will be posted by **1:00PM**. If your name is not listed in the Top 5, you are free to leave. The contestants that make it to The Final Round will return after a one hour lunch break to compete in the Final Round.. Each of the final 5 contestants will perform the same 5 minute piece. All final contestants and their accompanists must be available for the finals time frame. The top finalists will be notified by overnight post if they won or placed in the competition. Scholarships will be awarded as follows: 1st Place - \$1500.00, first Runner up - \$1000, 2nd runner up - \$500. These scholarships may be applied to a music camp of their choice, private instruction, or if attending and studying music at a university or college in the Fall of 2024. The 1st Place winner will be introduced as the winner of the Youth Music Competition and will be introduced by Julie Coucheron at the Grand Finale of the 22nd Annual Music Festival on Thursday, **May 16 at 7:30PM**. The Headliner will perform following the winner's solo. The 22nd Annual Music Festival Headliner, Llewelyn Sanchez Werner, a child prodigy, entered Juilliard at the tender age of 5. Mr. Werner is now 23 years old and welcomes interaction with the audience.
4. During the First Round and the Final Round, contestants are expected to play a 5 minute program that they feel best represents their ability to perform. If a contestant has an accompanist, they are solely responsible for providing their own accompanist. A Steinway piano tuned before the competition will be made available.

5. In the final round, contestants (if they have an accompanist, they too must be available for finals).
6. Contestants must provide one hard copy of the composition to the judges to use during the competition. ***Please email a copy of the composition to mmccoffice1@gmail.com by January 15th.***
7. Five judges will preside. The decision of the judges will be final.
8. Winners will be notified by FedEx overnight delivery following the final round of competition. The 1st place Winner will be required to perform their piece at the Grand Finale of the 22nd Annual Chamber Music Festival on Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 PM. We invite the 2nd and 1st place Runner's Up to attend the Grand Finale on May 16th as guests of the MMCC, as well, where they will be announced and acknowledged during this special Grand Finale Event.