

**FSMTA Competitive Events Report  
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FSMTA Competitive Events 2009 will take place on May 8th and 9th, 2009 at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

The postmarked deadline for the Community Service Awards applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 for the local associations, and April 1<sup>st</sup> for the state applications. The deadline for all other competition applications is March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. All District competitions should take place on or before, but no later than March 28<sup>th</sup>, in order to meet this deadline.

The applications, rules, and instructions for applicants and district chairmen are being updated and will be completed by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 on the FSMTA web-site under Student Activities and Competitive Events. The only application forms that can be accepted are the 2009 forms.

There have been two small changes in the application procedure: the first is to have the students' biographical information and picture included along with the state applications in order to save the chairman having to get it from winners after the competition; the second is to ask concerto applicants to name their intended accompanist four weeks before the competition, in order to prevent last minute calls for help in securing one.

The ad hoc committee investigating the proposal to initiate a guitar competition as part of FSMTA competitive events does recommend that we go ahead with implementing this event and will present a motion to be voted on at this meeting. Details are in the Competitive Events Report Addendum, which accompanies this report.

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Competitive Events