



## 2012 FSMTA DISTRICT CONCERTO COMPETITION PROCEDURES

District Concerto Chairmen: Thank you for your time and conscientious service. Please read all instructions completely pertaining to the 2012 District and State Concerto Competitions. Some of these procedures are new and these are highlighted in blue!

- All student applications are to be filled out and submitted online to each District Chair, and CC to the student's teacher.
- Pages 3 and 4 of the student application are to be printed and sent in with the application fee.
- It will be necessary for you to communicate with the teachers of your district competition about the date, deadline date for entry, location, and entry fee along with any other pertinent information. As some of these procedures are new, it is especially important that district chairmen take time to make sure that teachers and entrants understand all competition rules, and work with them to facilitate the process.
- CHANGED THIS YEAR from 2011: Application forms are to be emailed to the District Concerto Chair and ONLY District winners will be required to submit a photo and 250 words or less bio within 1 week of winning at the District Level. Photo and bio are to be sent to District Chair, the same as the application forms.

The emailed deadline for each District Chairman's Report is March 31, 2012. Each District should send a report, even if two or more have a combined competition. The State Concerto Competition will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor City campus, in Tampa.

Carefully read all the following information:

### **BEFORE THE DISTRICT COMPETITION**

1. Select location, date, time, contest fee, and application deadline for your District Competition. The deadline for District Chairman Reports, State Concerto application fees, judges' sheets, and Contestant Agreement is March 31, 2012. Consider this deadline when choosing your District Competition date. District chairmen set and collect their own application fee, application deadline date, and competition date for their districts.
2. Carefully check the completed emailed District Applications. Check that you have received the District Application fees prior to the District Concerto competition. Confirm age requirement, repertoire for elementary level (refer to rules), teacher

MTNA member number, etc. Additionally, confirm that 2011 State winners from your district who are entering again in 2012 have been placed in the correct levels (see District Concerto Competition Rules, #11). A State first place winner may not participate in the same level again at the next District Competition, regardless of age. It is extremely important that errors are recognized before the District Competition event takes place. No changes are permitted at the District Competition.

3. Select and hire three judges for each category needed. Two of the three judges are required to have proficiency in the category being judged. Discretion is given to the district concerto chairman if there are few entrants (3 or less) in any instrumental category with regard to number of judges and instrumental specialty. If only one student is entered in a particular level or instrument that student still needs to audition at the district level. One student per category does not guarantee that student to be a winner. Fill in the District Competition Rating Sheet for each entrant and print 3 copies per student for the judges.
4. [FSMTA District Concerto Competition certificates for contestants can be ordered from: Anne McLean, anne.mclean774@gmail.com \(239\)449-6174](#)

#### **DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE COMPETITION:**

5. At your district awards ceremony, please announce that the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Concerto winners are obligated to represent your District and compete in the State Concerto Competition which will be held May 11 and 12 at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor City campus in Tampa. [Also tell them that that you will need their photo and short, 250 words or less, bio emailed to you within a week as part of their entry to State level competition.](#) If for any reason this obligation cannot be met, the winner or winner's teacher is expected to contact the District and State Concerto Competition Chairmen immediately.
6. Please also announce that the State Senior Concerto Competition winners will be featured performers at [the FSMTA Conference on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at 8pm in Boca Raton, Florida.](#) If an orchestra is not available winners may perform with piano accompaniment on the FSMTA Winners Recital, or may choose to perform a short solo program of 10 minutes or less.
7. Very important: There is no longer a State Concerto Application for entrants; it has been replaced by the State Concerto Contestant Agreement. Print and bring copies of the State Concerto Contestant Agreement to the Awards Ceremony for winners to sign.
  - a. All winners, their parents, and teachers must sign this form. **Senior** level winners will also sign the Agreement to Perform at the FSMTA conference on Nov. 5, 2012 in the event they are selected the State Winner. Alternates do not need to sign the form, but please explain they may be

called upon to go to the State Competition in the event the winner of that category becomes unable to do so.

- b. Collect the State Concerto application fee of \$35 from each winner. [Remind them again about submitting/emailing a photo and short bio to you by the end of the week.](#) Nothing is needed from alternates at this time.

**FINISHING DETAILS:**

8. Complete the District Concerto Chairman's Report online, save the interactive PDF file to your computer hard-drive, and send by [email to Ann McLean at anne.mclean774@gmail.com as an email attachment.](#)
9. **Mail** the completed State Competition Contestant Agreements, State Judges Sheets (3 for each application), and fees (winners only), to Concerto Chair:

Ann McLean  
[anne.mclean774@gmail.com](mailto:anne.mclean774@gmail.com)  
7664 Oleander Gate Dr. Unit 201  
Naples, FL 34109

10. [Save to your hard drive the District winners photos and bios when they arrive and then forward them to Ann McLean.](#)

**Deadline is March 31, 2012.**

Again, thank you for serving as a District Concerto Competition Chairman. Do not hesitate to call or email if you have questions.

*Lesia Schulha*  
*FSMTA Vice President for Competitive Events*