

## MTNA Competitions

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MTNA hosts five national competitions annually. These competitions offer both students and teachers the opportunity to have their work evaluated and receive national recognition for their musical achievements. Elementary through college-age composers, instrumentalists, vocalists and chamber musicians compete at state, division and national levels.

MTNA student competitions begin at the state level with winners and representatives proceeding to the division level. The MTNA competitions culminate in the national finals—a highlight of each year's MTNA national convention. Convention-goers can attend the final round of each competition, as well as the winners' concerts featured at MTNA general sessions.

More than \$60,000 in cash prizes is awarded annually to the national winners in 19 categories. Certificates, plaques and cash prizes for winners' teachers are also awarded in some categories. MTNA competitions are intended to promote creativity and self-esteem while encouraging talented young artists and their teachers in the pursuit of musical excellence.

**Guidelines and Applications:** Annual guidelines and application forms are published in the April/May issue of *American Music Teacher* and online at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org). This detailed information is important for students preparing to compete. Repertoire for the performance competitions must include works of different styles and periods, and some competitions require the performance of specific pieces. Registration forms must be submitted at [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org). Entry forms via fax and U.S. mail will not be accepted.

### COMPETITION CATEGORIES:

- **Student Composition Competition**
  - Elementary age 5-10
  - Junior age 11-14
  - Senior age 15-18
  - Young Artist age 19-26
- **Junior Performance Competition**
  - Age 11-14
    - instrumental categories piano, string and woodwind
- **Senior Performance Competition**
  - Age 15-18
    - categories brass, solo piano, piano duet, string, voice and woodwind
- **Young Artist Performance Competition**
  - Age 19-26
    - categories brass, piano, string, voice and woodwind
- **Chamber Music Performance Competition**

Average age of ensemble members 18-26; ensemble must consist of at least three performers and may have no more than six performers.

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