

## **Alabama Music Teachers Association MTNA Composition Competition**

**MTNA active membership dues must be paid before submission of the application. A \$150 nonmember teacher fee will be assessed if entrant's teacher has not paid active membership dues for the 2018–2019 membership year**

**Application deadline is Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time . There will be no exceptions.**

**Eligibility: Students between the ages of 5 and 26, who live in Alabama, or who study with a teacher who is a member of the Alabama Music Teachers Association, are encouraged to apply.**

### Composition Competitions

Elementary:

- Age: 5–10 as of January 1, 2019
- Entry Fee: \$50

Junior:

- Age: 11–14 as of January 1, 2019
- Entry Fee: \$70

Senior:

- Age: 15–18 as of January 1, 2019
- Entry Fee: \$100

Young Artist:

- Age: 19–26 as of January 1, 2019
- Entry fee: \$100

Awards:

The winning entry in each category may be performed at the AMTA State Conference, held in June of the *following* year.

## Competition Rules:

- A composition may be in any style. Arrangements are not permitted.
- Only compositions for nine performers or fewer will be accepted.
- Compositions for prepared piano are not permitted.
- The performance time/duration may not exceed 10 minutes.
- If a composer uses a text, one of the following must be included with the copies of the scores: (1) copyrighted text must have a written statement from the copyright holder giving permission to use text or (2) text that is in the public domain must have a statement signed by the student and the teacher indicating this fact.
- The score should be printed on 8.5 x 11-inch paper. The manuscript must be legible. Handwritten scores, as well as scores notated by computer music software (*Finale, Sibelius, etc.*) are welcome.
- The music must be *entirely* the applicant's own, original work, and applicants must have prepared the composition with the teacher listed on the application.
- Only one submission per applicant is permitted.
- **Submission Requirements:**
  - Print two (2) copies of the online application: one (1) copy for your records and the second to mail with three (3) bound copies of your score to the composition competition coordinator; do not send original manuscripts.
  - All materials must be labeled with the name of the composition, the name of the student and the category (*Elementary, Junior, Senior, Young Artist*). The name of the teacher or any reference to school/institution must not appear on the score.
  - All materials must be submitted in one package. No change may be made to the manuscript once it has been submitted with the application.
  - AMTA is not responsible for lost or damaged materials. Submissions, including scores, will not be returned. The decisions of competition judges are final.

- Primary communication is via e-mail. The application must have e-mail addresses for student and teacher.
- Winners must provide their own musicians for this concert. Only live performances are allowed; audio/video recorded performances will not be permitted

### **Competition Timeline**

- PDF score and MIDI file are required with submission of application.
- Results of state competitions will be announced by November 1.
- Results of division competitions will be announced by December 15.
- Results of national competitions will be announced by February 1.

### **Competition Agreement**

- Entrant, parents/guardians and teacher have read, understand and agree to the Guidelines for the 2018–2019 MTNA Competitions. Failure to abide by these rules and regulations will make the entrant ineligible to receive recognition or awards.
- Entrants under age 18 have parent/guardian permission to enter MTNA competitions.
- Credit card holder has authorized use to complete the application.
- **All entry fees are nonrefundable.**
- Entrant will abide by all copyright laws. (Original compositions are not required to have registered copyright to enter competition.)
- MTNA is not responsible for problems with Internet service or phones.

**Materials must be received by Wednesday, September 12. Send materials to the Composition Competition Coordinator:**

**Dr. Brittney Patterson**

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