



American Allegro Fine Arts Association

2025 AAFAA Young Artist Music Competition & 2025 AAFAA Junior Music Competition

Registration Deadline: Monday, December 16, 2024 via online registration only

YouTube Submission Deadline: Monday, January 13, 2025

Results Date: January 23, 2025 via emails

Performance Venues and Dates for Young Artists Competition:

Grand Winners Recital: Carnegie Weill Recital Hall. March 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Gold Winners Recital: Carnegie Weill Recital Hall. March 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Silver Winners Recitals: Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, Drew University. March 8, 2025 at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Performance Venues and Dates for Junior Competition:

Gold Winners Recital: Carnegie Weill Recital Hall. March 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Silver Winners Recitals: Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, Drew University. March 8, 2025 at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Rules and Regulations

Ages: Young Artists: Participants must be between ages 7 and 19 as of January 1, 2025.

Junior Competition: Participants must be between ages 5 and 9 as of January 1, 2025.

Ensemble age group is based on the oldest participant in the group. For example, if a duet group has an 8 year old and a 10 year old, please register them in the Young Artists Competition.

Instruments: Piano, voice, strings, and woodwind instruments are welcome. Strings and woodwind instruments are not required to have accompaniment during the competition but required for winners' recitals. Please note that percussion and harp instruments are not permitted.

Categories: Participants may compete as a soloist or as part of a chamber group such as a duet (4-hands), trio, quartet, or quintet. Chamber groups cannot have more than five participants.

Repertoire: Each soloist or chamber group may only perform one piece from any period of music. No popular music is allowed. All music must be original pieces and cannot be simplified versions. All pieces must be memorized, except for those of chamber groups.

Video Recording: Participants should be dressed as they would be for a live competition.

For keyboard participants, the entire body should be visible.

The recording must NOT be edited in any way or the participants will be disqualified.

The deadline for YouTube video submission is Monday, January 13, 2025. Please email the YouTube link and score to competition@aafaamusic.org.

Time Limit:

Students ages 5 to 13: 4 minutes

Students ages 14 to 18: 6 minutes

For pieces exceeding the time limit by 1 second to 1 minute, purchase one extra ticket.

Pieces exceeding the time limit by more than 1 minute will be disqualified.

Application Fees: Solo is \$85 per student; ensemble is \$60 per student.

Competition and Performance Dress Code: Girls should wear long dresses or skirts that extend below the knee. Boys should wear button-down shirts with ties and dark dress pants or slacks. *Do not wear jeans or sneakers.*

Carnegie Concert Tickets:

Each ticket is \$70. Each soloist must buy four tickets, and each member of a chamber group must buy three tickets. For example, duet winners must buy six tickets (three tickets per participant). A participant whose piece exceeds the time limit will need to purchase extra ticket(s).

Silver Winners Concert Fees: Solo is \$190 per participant; ensemble is \$140 per participant. For example, duet winners must pay \$280.

Awards: Each winner will receive a trophy. In addition, fifth year, seventh year, and tenth year winners and high school senior winners will receive a scholarship. Winners must perform in order to receive award year.

First year, third year, fifth year, seventh year, tenth year, and fifteenth year teachers will also receive a plaque.

If you have any questions, please visit aafaamusic.org or email competition@aafaamusic.org.

Best regards,
AAFAA Committee