

## CCMTA SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION GUIDELINES

### I. Goals and Objectives

- A. To provide financial assistance to a deserving senior obtaining and/or working toward a bachelor's degree in music education, music performance, musical theater, music composition, or music theory.
- B. To reward and recognize excellence in musical performance in Cattaraugus County residents whose participating school pays the major organization fees to NYSSMA.
- C. To provide a worthwhile outlet for proceeds from the All-County Music Festivals.

### II. Scholarship Committee

- A. The executive committee shall appoint a committee to oversee the decisions in the audition process, and a chairperson of that committee.

### III. Eligibility Requirements

- A. Students of CCMTA members whose sponsoring institution is a member of NYSSMA and in good standing.
- B. These students must be planning to enroll in a higher educational program to work toward a bachelor's degree with music as a major area of concentration (as listed above).

### IV. Pre-Audition Day Responsibilities

- A. The audition date and location is to be determined by the scholarship committee – the event will take place no less than 30 days prior to the Senior High All-County Festival.
- B. Arrange for Adjudicators. Two NYSSMA adjudicators from two different areas of concentration will be present (one vocal and one instrumental).
- C. Remind CCMTA members of the date and place for scholarship with first mailing of Solo Festival materials (or as early as possible in the school year, depending on the date determined by the chairperson).
  1. Request written (or emailed) notification of prospective senior students intending to audition to the Scholarship Committee designee no later than the last full day of school before winter break (**provide student name, instrument or voice, and accompanist's name**) – *again, it depends on the date set by the chairperson.*
  2. Chairperson of scholarship committee will determine an order of performance, and notify directors of students' performance times at least one week prior to audition date.

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## **V. Student Preparation**

- A. Major performance area: NYSSMA solo from manual. Must be accompanied, unless solo is specified as “unaccompanied.”
- B. Submit written resume at audition. Include the following:
  - 1. Secondary instruments
  - 2. Performance experience
  - 3. Community involvement
  - 4. Goals and ambitions
  - 5. List non-school musical organizations student performs in regularly and musical honors.
- C. Student needs to be prompt and in attendance at the time of their performance.

## **VI. Adjudicator’s Responsibilities**

- A. Listen to and evaluate auditions using CCMTA rating sheets and guidelines. These sheets will not be used as placement for All-County ensembles.
- B. The adjudicators will rank the top four students, but only announce the winner and the runner-up.

## **VII. Audition Day**

- A. Solo Festival Chairman provides a tuned piano, audition facilities, and warm-up facilities.
- B. Solo Festival Chairman pays adjudicators
  - 1. Gets check from CCMTA Treasurer in advance.
  - 2. The honorarium will be determined by the NYSSMA hourly and mileage rate with a minimum guarantee of three hours adjudication time.
- C. Notifies winners and alternates and notifies the membership at or before the Senior High All-County Band and Chorus Festival.

## **VIII. Post-Audition Duties**

- A. Report to Executive Committee.
- B. Make recommendations for future auditions.
- C. Scholarship winner will perform at HS All-County Festival
  - 1. Performance is limited to approximately 5 minutes. Vocalists should perform only one piece, and instrumentalists should make appropriate cuts in music to meet this time requirement (omitting movements, or cuts within movements).
- D. Check with Scholarship designee and make sure winners have met entrance requirements and that a letter has been received confirming official entrance before scholarship is awarded.
  - 1. A letter confirming ‘official entrance’ from the registrar of the institution of higher education must be sent to the CCMTA Scholarship Committee before the scholarship check is awarded.
  - 2. The student’s address should be included so that the check can be mailed directly to the student, with additional notification of the award and the amount sent to the parents or guardian.