



14th Annual
MusicStars
Online Music Competition 2025

Registration Packet

Participation Guide

Step 1

Select a piece to perform. Next, complete the top portion of the MusicStars Adjudication Sheet including personal information, information about the piece, address, and signature. By signing the consent form, you agree to the Terms of Service provided in this packet.

Step 2

Email MakingMusicFun.net and attach the following items in one email:

- 1) MusicStars Adjudication Sheet
- 2) Fee Receipt
- 3) Sheet Music with Numbered Measures

Please use your printer scanner or an app like “Scanner Pro: PDF Scanner App” to scan your adjudication sheet, receipt, and music. This will provide us with clean, readable copies. No photos.

All three items are due no later than June 30th. Complete applications should be sent in one email.

Step 3

Start practicing. When your piece is sounding great, make a video and upload it to YouTube.com or GodTube.com. The title and description of your video should be formatted as it appears in the illustration on the fifth page of this packet.

Each element must be included, as it will help us to correctly identify and adjudicate each student. If your child is performing a musical selection that you printed from the MMF website, please include the link to the sheet music. Other students may be inspired by your child’s performance and want to play the piece as well.

Step 4

Email us the link to your video no later than July 20th, 2025. No video performances may be resubmitted. No videos will be accepted after midnight in your time zone.

Email: info@makingmusicfun.net

Step 5

Check out the performances of the other participating students by visiting the MakingMusicFun.net website. Results will be announced in our newsletter following the close of the competition on July 31st, 2025.

Please be sure you are subscribed. Trophies and certificates will be shipped within 7-10 days of the announcement.

FAQs

Eligibility

- 1) The festival is open to piano, guitar, and recorder students who are ages 5-12 at the time they record their video performance. Woodwind, brass, string, percussion, and voice students must be ages 9-12.
- 2) Students must currently be taking music lessons either in person, online in real time, or through the MakingMusicFun.net Music Academy.
- 3) MakingMusicFun.net Music Academy students with an annual subscription get a guaranteed FREE competition entry, and may enter with any level of experience.

Repertoire Requirements

- 1) The piece should be a minimum of 12 measures or a maximum of 5 minutes.
- 2) Musical selections are limited to sheet music arrangements from the MakingMusicFun.net website, graded lesson books (Alfred's, Piano Adventures, etc.), classical music, folk music, Disney songs, movie and TV music, or Broadway scores.
- 3) Scan of music with numbered measures must be included.
- 4) No musical selection may be changed after the application has been submitted.
- 5) Music may be memorized, although it is not required.

Entry Fee

The student entry fee may be paid with a credit card.

Entry Fee: \$36 USD per Student

Divisions

The following divisions represent our best effort to provide a fair competition for young performers. Our overriding goal with this competition, however, is that students be provided the motivation they need to excel and be encouraged for their effort.

- 1) Beginning (Ages 5-8)
- 2) Intermediate (Ages 9-10)
- 3) Advanced (Ages 11-12)

Adjudication

- 1) Adjudicators will provide written comments, a score for each factor, and a total score on the adjudication form provided in this packet.
- 2) In the event that there are fewer than 10 applicants in any division the adjudicators reserve the right to declare no "Shining Star" and award no trophy.
- 3) Decisions are considered final and may not be challenged. Thank you for your understanding.

Terms of Service

By signing the adjudication/consent form:

- 1) You agree to allow MakingMusicFun.net (Wave Music, LLC) and/or affiliated teachers to adjudicate your child's musical performance.
- 2) You agree to allow MMF to link to the student's video performance from the MakingMusicFun.net website, and/or feature their video on the MMF website or in the MMF newsletter.
- 3) You declare that you own or have licensed the digital print for the sheet music/book from which the scanned copies are being produced for the competition adjudicators.
- 4) You understand that no refund will be given if a video performance is not submitted.
- 5) You understand that no refunds will be issued for students who are disqualified. See below.

Reasons for Disqualification

- 1) Failure to sign adjudication/consent form.
- 2) Submission of a video performance that exceeds the maximum time limit of 5 minutes.
- 3) Submission of a video performance after the deadline.
- 4) Submission of a video performance containing content that is not family-friendly.

Example of Video Title, Description, and Keywords



Solfeggietto (CPE Bach) for Piano - MusicStars Competition 2025

Katie G (Age 8) performing Solfeggietto by CPE Bach for piano solo

You can get the sheet music here: http://makingmusicfun.net/html/f_printit_free_printable_sheet_music/solfeggietto.htm

Keywords: piano solfeggietto cpe bach



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Adjudication Sheet

Student Name _____

Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Country _____

Composition _____

Email _____

Teacher _____

Parent's Signature _____

(By signing I agree to the terms of service as outlined in the registration packet.)

Factors Evaluated	Adjudicator's Comments	Points
ACCURACY Correct Notes Correct Rhythms		/20
TEMPO Correct Tempo Steady Beat		/20
DYNAMICS Markings Observed Expressive Phrasing		/20
TECHNIQUE Fingering Pedaling Posture		/20
PERFORMANCE Overall Effect Difficulty of Piece		/20
Total Points (100 Possible)		

Adjudicator's Signature _____

Rating: ☐ Superior (90-100) ☐ Excellent (80-89) ☐ Good (70-79)



MusicStars Trophy

Every student named a “Shining Star” will be awarded a trophy.
All other students will receive a certificate.

Want to upgrade to a trophy?

Want to make your child’s accomplishment more significant and memorable? You can upgrade your child’s certificate to a trophy with their name on it. We’ll ship it anywhere in the USA.

\$39 - Trophy Upgrade w/FREE Shipping

Please email us at: info@makingmusicfun.net following the awards announcement if you are interested.