

2019-2020 MTNA Student Composition Competition

1. The application form deadline for **all states** is **Wednesday, September 11, 2019**. All applications ***must be submitted online*** before **3:00 pm, (Eastern Time) on September 11, 2019**. Print a copy for your records. The manuscripts will now be uploaded as a PDF file as you register. More information on how to do that will be available sometime in August on the MTNA website. Manuscripts will NO longer be mailed to the State Composition Coordinator.
2. **Online Instructions: Available sometime in August.**
Entry fees are nonrefundable and are paid directly to MTNA.
 1. Go to www.mtna.org
 2. Click on MTNA.
 3. Choose "2019-2020 Competitions Guidelines" from Competitions menu.
 4. Follow the online directions.
3. Entry fees per student for the Composition Competition are as follows:
Elementary: Entry fee: \$50, Age: 5-10 as of January 1, 2020.
Junior High: Entry fee: \$70, Age: 11-14 as of January 1, 2020.
Senior High: Entry fee: \$100, Age: 15-18 as of January 1, 2020.
Young Artist: Entry fee: \$100, Age: 19-26 as of January 1, 2020.
4. Current active membership MUST be paid prior to accessing the student composition application.
5. Entrants will be assessed a \$150 nonmember teacher fee if the membership is not paid for the 2019-2020 membership year.
6. Entrants must have prepared the composition with the teacher listed on the Official Application Form.
7. A national winner may not participate in the same competition category again.

Student Composition Rules

1. Dues for the teacher for the 2019-2020 year must be paid by August 31, 2019.
2. A student may submit only one entry.
3. A student may enter the competitions in only one state.
4. Only one student per entry is allowed.
5. The performance time may not exceed 10 minutes.
6. Only compositions for nine performers or less will be accepted.
7. Measures of the composition must be numbered, preferably at the beginning of each system.
8. ***Manuscripts are to be a computer-generated PDF score and MIDI file that are submitted online to National.***
9. No change may be made to the manuscript once it has been submitted with the application..

Please consider entering your student's compositions in the MTNA Composition Competition. It is the intent of this competition to encourage creativity and self-expression in student musicians through the art of composing and to recognize their achievements, as well as the significant work of their teachers. All Composition Competition Rules can be found on the mtna.org website. If you have any questions feel free to call me or e-mail me with your questions.

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