



Arizona Musicfest

ONLINE STRINGS, HARP, & GUITAR COMPETITION RULES, 2021

Due Date: March 1, 2021

Application Details:

1. Scores and recordings must be submitted with the Application.
2. Application Fee: \$25
3. Competitors must be Arizona residents.
4. Competitors must be in grades seven through twelve.
5. No application refunds will be given in the event of applicant withdrawal.

Music Details:

1. Music chosen for the competition must be standard literature chosen from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, or Contemporary periods. Simplified versions will not be accepted.
2. Accompanied pieces must be performed with a live accompanist. Pre-recorded accompanying tracks will not be accepted.
3. Arizona Musicfest does not provide a list of required or recommended repertoire.
4. Music must be memorized.
5. Competitors must provide a pdf copy of the score(s) for the piece(s) they will perform. The score(s) must have measures numbered and cuts marked (if any) so the judges can use them as a reference while reviewing the competitor's recording.

Division Details:

Divisions are determined by grade level, and each division has different requirements regarding the number of pieces to perform and the amount of time in which they perform. Please see below:

Division	Number of Pieces	Performance Duration
I (Grades 7 & 8)	1 or 2	7 minutes
II (Grades 9 & 10)	1 or 2	10 minutes
III (Grades 11 & 12)	2	15 minutes

Recording Details:

1. Recordings are due with the application. Applications without recordings will not be accepted.
2. All submissions must be recorded on video. Audio-only recordings will not be accepted.
3. Recordings must be in one take, recorded live as they're performed. If performing two pieces, both must be recorded in the same take.
4. Recordings do not have to be uniquely made for the Arizona Musicfest competition, but should have been produced within the last year.
5. The competitor's hands and face should be in frame throughout the recording, as should the accompanist.
6. Recordings may be submitted by Google Drive, WeTransfer, Dropbox, or YouTube link.



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7. Arizona Musicfest reserves the right to use the video recordings submitted for promotional purposes. No extra fee will be paid to the Competitors.

Adjudication Details:

1. Judges will convene and review each recording at the same time. There will be no pausing, rewinding, or repeating of student recordings.
2. Judges may elect to award 'Excellent' and 'Superior' ratings to students demonstrating high levels of artistry in their performances. Ratings will only be awarded with unanimous recommendation from the committee.
3. Judges will comment only on the competitor's performance; recording quality will not factor into prize and award decisions.
4. Prizes are awarded at the end of each division to competitors who display the highest level of artistic excellence.
5. Judges have the option to withhold prizes; their decisions are final.
6. Adjudication date(s) will be announced on or before March 1, 2021, will be in the month of March, and will be based on Judge availability and number of submissions.
7. All students will receive judges' comments within a week of the adjudication date.

Prize Details:

1. Standout competitors from each Division may be awarded monetary prizes in the amounts detailed below.
2. Awarded competitors may receive performance opportunities as they are available and announced.

Division	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
I (Grades 7 & 8)	\$200	\$100	\$50
II (Grades 9 & 10)	\$350	\$200	\$100
III (Grades 11 & 12)	\$450	\$350	\$200

Questions? Email competition@azmusicfest.org