

Dean & Carolyn Elder Piano Competition

Student Guidelines and Registration 2025

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Fill out and sign this Registration Form and return it to your teacher.
- Completely master, both technically and musically, your performance. All solo music must be memorized.
- All entrants must abide by the Federal Copyright Law. Photocopies are not allowed; however, CD Sheet Music is allowed. Please bring receipt of purchase with you to the competition.
- The name of the teacher or student must not be found on the music or disclosed at any time.
- Bring music to the adjudication. Music should be clipped or marked, with measures numbered.
- Pictures and video of the event may be used by PMTA on their website or in presentations. No individual names or personal information will be given.

The following dress code must be followed:

Girls – Dresses or skirts must be at least knee length when seated. Dress pants are allowed, though no jeans or tight pants. Apparel should be modest and non-revealing; no side slits or spaghetti straps. Platform shoes are not permitted.

Boys – Dress or “polo” type shirts and slacks are required. Ties, bow ties, and/or suits are encouraged, but not required.

Both –Athletic shoes and flip-flops are not permitted. Care should be taken to wear hair in a manner that will keep it out of the performer’s eyes and face. **Absolutely no denim is allowed.**

- Students receiving ratings of “Superior with Distinction” or “Superior” are highly encouraged, though not required, to perform in the Winners’ Recital.

AWARDS:

- The judges’ decisions are final.
- All contestants will receive certificates of participation immediately following their performance. Students awarded “Superior with Distinction” or “Superior” will receive cash awards. Students awarded “Honorable Mention” may receive cash awards, upon availability.
- **NEW:** The judges will confer the **Heather and Justin Smith Award** upon the **Junior High or Senior High** contestant whom they decide has given the best overall performance at Saturday’s competition. This award has a value of \$200.
- A **Winners’ Recital and Awards Ceremony** will be held the day following the competition.
- Critique sheets and cash awards will be available from the chairpersons within two weeks.

I have read and agree to abide by all participation requirements.

_____ Date _____
Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature

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REGISTRATION FORM 2025

(Online registrants need not fill out this form.)

Teacher's Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Student's Name _____ Date of birth _____ Age* _____ Division _____

Solo #1 _____
Title, Key, Opus No. _____ Composer _____ Time _____

Solo #2 _____
Title, Key, Opus No. _____ Composer _____ Time _____

TEACHER: What are you willing to do at this event? _____

I have a signed copy of the Student Guidelines for the Dean & Carolyn Elder Piano Competition. (initial) _____

*on April 5, 2025