

APPLICATION
2026 KEYNOTE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION
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Name _____ Local Phone _____

Parent(s) or Guardian _____

Home Address _____

_____ Zipcode _____

(City, Borough or Township)

Student's Phone _____

Student's Email _____

Parent's Email _____

Date of Birth _____

Name of High School _____

Colleges or Music School attended:

List school names, degrees and dates including music-oriented programs, workshops etc.

Present School _____

Name of College, University or Music School attending in the Fall 2026:

Circle university or college level in the Fall 2026:

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student

Voice (Soprano, Tenor Etc.) or Instrument (TYPE) _____

What are your music aspirations? _____

Would you like the judges' critique? _____ YES _____ NO

(If YES, please bring self-addressed stamped envelope the day of the competition)

Auditions will be held on Saturday May 9, 2026 at the Fine Arts Theater of Mt. Lebanon High School, Cochran Road, Mt Lebanon, PA. Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2026. Because we are restricted to 20 contestants and have had a waiting list in recent years, we strongly urge you to return the completed application package as soon as possible.

For the audition, you will be expected to perform one selection representative of each of following time periods: Baroque (1600-1750), Classical (1750-1820), Romantic (1820-1920) and 20th century (1900-present). This is your responsibility to make sure your music is in each of these periods. (There may be some exceptions to the actual time periods for percussionists.)

Vocalists must include at least 2 different foreign language selections.

Each applicant will be allotted 15 minutes for the audition. Please use all your time.

APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN ACCOMPANIST IF NEEDED- See ACCOMPANISTS GUIDELINES and LIST of POSSIBLE AVAILABLE ACCOMPANISTS IN PITTSBURGH AREA, in “Details for Music Competition” (this will be provided when your application is returned)!

Memorization is preferred, but NOT required, for the audition selections.

- | | SELECTION | COMPOSER (year written) |
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| 1. | Baroque (1600-1750)_____ | _____ |
| 2. | Classical (1750-1820)_____ | _____ |
| 3. | Romantic (1820-1920)_____ | _____ |
| 4. | 20 th Century/Contemporary (1900-present)----- | ----- |

Questionnaire

How did you learn of the competition?_____

Do we have your permission to stream your performance during the competition for the website?

YES_____ NO_____ Maybe_____

Applicant’s signature_____

First time applicants please send completed form, proof of age (ID), residency, resume and teacher recommendation along with \$40.00 non-refundable registration fee. Previous applicants need only forward a completed application form and \$40.00 registration fee (checks or money orders made payable to KEYNOTES). Mail application, check or money order to Lori Walter, 162 Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15229. If applying online(preferrable)- proof of age (ID), residency, resume and teacher recommendation can be sent by email. Payment can also be sent through “square” on top of the online application. For online application, go to keynotesmusicscholarship.com.

DEADLINE - APRIL 30, 2026