Contest Rules

Categories:

Maximum Length of Performance

a. Grades 5-6  8 minutes
b. Grades 7-8  10 minutes
c. Grades 9-10  12 minutes
d. Grades 11-12  12 minutes

1. Contestants should provide a copy of the music for the judge with measures numbered. No photocopies will be allowed.

2. All musical selections in the contest must be original solo compositions for the piano. No arrangements will be allowed.

3. Two memorized pieces of contrasting styles are required. Please indicate the exact timing of the performance on the application form. If the length of the performance exceeds the allotted, the judge has the option to stop the performance.

4. Each entrant will receive a comment sheet from the judges and a rating of Division 1 (the top rating) through Division 5.

5. The entrants in each category who receive a first- or second-division rating will be awarded ribbons. From among those receiving first-division ratings in each category, one trophy winner will be selected along with 2nd and 3rd place winners. The 4 trophy winners will play in the finals and the overall winner will be awarded a cash prize of $300.00 and runner-up will be awarded a cash prize of $200.00. At the discretion of Blinn faculty members, deserving performers in the 11th-12th grade category will be offered a Blinn College music scholarship.

6. At the judge's discretion, there may be a second hearing to determine the trophy winner for each division or for the top prize.

7. The competition will be limited to the first 30 applicants.

To apply for audition times, the entrant must complete the registration form and send the form with a $35 nonrefundable entry fee postmarked by January 8. Any questions/requests pertaining to the contest should be directed to John Dujka at 979-830-4249 or 979-277-5374 during the holiday break.

**Make checks payable to Blinn College Piano Contest.

Send entry to:

Blinn College Visual & Performing Arts

Attn. John Dujka

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Brenham, TX 77833

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The 15th annual Blinn College Young Pianist Competition will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 on the Blinn College Brenham Campus. Performances will take place in the Dr. W. W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center, with practice rooms available in the J. Hal and Allynne Machat Music Facility. Cash awards and trophies will be given to the top finishers, and Blinn College music scholarships will be offered to deserving high school juniors and seniors.

Judges for this year’s competition will be Jasmine Hatem of the University of St. Thomas, Dr. Jinyoung Kim of Sam Houston State University, and Miguel Sousa of Texas A&M University.