

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR STATE VIDEO COMPETITIONS

1. All videos must be submitted via YouTube links.
2. Videos can be made at home by the student, in the teacher's studio or in a performance hall. The quality of instrument, location, or quality of video will not be a factor in judging.
3. Video recordings should be made with one fixed camera angle/location, focused such that the performer and the accompanist (if applicable) are visible at all times. Pianists should have face, fingers and feet visible at all times. To ensure quality and consistency of the videos among entrants, set up the camera from the audience perspective, limit background noise, and make sure the performance space is well lit.
4. Videos must contain all repertoire listed on the original application. Entrants should NOT introduce themselves or announce the piece being recorded.
5. Each piece (including individual movements of a larger work) should be uploaded as a separate video file. No editing is allowed. Each selection must be labeled with the title and composer. For individual movements of a larger work, label with the title, Roman number of movement and composer. Example: Sonata in F minor, Op. 2, No. 1, I., Beethoven. Preludes and Fugues may be considered a single piece.
6. Piano and voice entrants must perform by memory. All others do not have to play by memory.
7. Live accompanists are preferred; however, pre-recorded accompaniments are acceptable in the event that local or state orders prevent entrant and accompanist getting together to record a video. CDs and online platforms such as SmartMusic.com, Appcompanionist.com, Piano Accompaniments.com and Acapella may be utilized as is appropriate.
8. Students and teachers should review videos before submitting to check sound quality and microphone placement.
9. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO SUBMIT VIDEOS. It takes a long time to upload the videos.**
10. Upload videos one at a time, making sure each upload is complete prior to starting the next upload.
11. A high-speed internet connection is recommended.