

2022 Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association Advanced Honors Awards Competition

The Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association is a non-profit organization that promotes and maintains high standards of piano teaching by offering opportunities and motivation for the educational growth of the teachers and their students.

PPTA members' students who are ages 16-19 as of April 15, 2022 are invited to apply to compete in the PPTA Advanced Honors Awards Competition. There is no entrance fee for the competition and teachers may enter more than one eligible student. Applications are due by April 15, 2022.

The 2022 competition will be held at PYCO School of Music, 150 Lake Drive, Suite 103, Wexford, PA 15090, on the afternoon of April 30, 2022.

Entrants perform a minimum of two contrasting pieces (of two different time periods) from standard repertoire chosen from the following lists:

- Levels 9 and 10 only from the Royal Conservatory of Music Piano Syllabus: https://www.rcmusic.com/sites/default/files/files/S41_PianoSyllabus_2016_online_f.pdf
- NFMC Very Difficult I, Very Difficult II, or Musically Advanced Class I (Lists can be found in the NFMC bulletin.)
- Performance Levels 11-12 Achievement in Music (STAR Evaluations) Syllabus [PPTA AIM Syllabus Level 11 and 12 Repertoire.pdf](#)

Entrants who perform a third piece by an American composer from these lists are also eligible to be considered for the American Music Prize.

A performance time limit of 20 minutes will be enforced.

Memorization of all repertoire performed is required. Applicant must provide to the judges one score of all repertoire to be performed.

The Honors Awards are one-time awards for all who place in the competition. Those who place first or second may not enter the competition in subsequent years. In the event that the American Prize winner does not place 1st or 2nd, they may compete again in a consecutive year.

Three outside judges (not PPTA members) will be hired to judge this competition. The judges will use blind ballot procedures similar to MTNA competition judging guidelines:

<http://www.mtna.org/media/77694/PerfJudgesGuidelines.pdf>

The breakdown of prizes to be awarded in 2021 is as follows:

1st place \$2,000

2nd place \$1,000

American Music Prize \$500 (this may be awarded to the 1st or 2nd place winners or other entrants. It is a prize for the best performance of an American composer's music, but this piece must be one of a program of three pieces.)

First place and American Prize winners would be required to perform at the May PPTA competition winners' recital in the year that they win the prize.

All competition participants will receive certificates of participation. No honorable mentions will be awarded. All awards are made at the judges' discretion. The judges' decision is final. Parents, guardians, and teachers may not challenge the judges' decision.

Direct any inquiries to Mary Lynne Bennett, Competition Chair, bennet12@duq.edu

PPTA ADVANCED HONORS AWARDS COMPETITION APPLICATION

Application and all supporting material must be mailed to The Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association, c/o Mary Lynne Bennett, 4390 Kenson Dr. Allison Park, PA, 15101, and post-marked on or before April 15, 2022.

1. Personal Information:

Name (First, Middle, Last) _____
Date of Birth _____
Address (Street, City, State, ZIP) _____
Contact (Phone and e-mail) _____

2. History:

Current High School Expected Date of Graduation _____
Current Piano Instructor _____ Years Studied _____
Previous Piano Instructor(s) _____ Years Studied _____

3. Supporting Materials:

Please include the following with your application.

- Copy of document demonstrating age (i.e., birth certificate, driver's license, etc.)
- List of repertoire to be performed at audition

By signing below, I hereby certify that all the information contained herein is complete and correct upon information and belief. Further, I **understand** that if any information contained herein is deemed by the Pittsburgh Piano Teachers Association to be incorrect or incomplete at any time, my application will be disqualified and any award will be forfeited.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature (if Applicant is under 18 years of age)

* Teacher Signature (Required) _____

*** A teacher must be a paid member of PPTA by September 1, prior to the date of the competition.**