

Young Artist Guild

Becoming a member of the Young Artist Guild is a great honor and carries important and unique responsibilities. Candidates for Young Artist Guild and their parents are asked to sign a Letter of Intent. This letter explains the YAG program and its responsibilities. The signed letter must be given to the Panel Chair before a student auditions for the Artist Panel. Students without a signed letter of intent will be restricted to a ten-minute audition and will not be considered for Young Artist Guild, nor will they be reimbursed for the YAG entry fee.

YAG Requirements

1. To become a member of Young Artist Guild, a student must go through the Regional Panel process.
2. Students must follow all the stated Panel rules.
3. A 2005-2006 CM Panel Finals Audition Application must be sent in after the student is chosen at the Regional Panel Evaluations. The rules will be stated on the application.
4. A 2005-2006 Young Artist Guild Audition Program List sheet must be filled out and taken to both the Regional Panel Evaluation and the State Panel Finals.
5. Three copies of the YAG Letter of Intent must be brought to the Regional Panel auditions.
6. Students may not repeat YAG.
7. Students who are members of Young Artist Guild may not be chosen again for any Panel program.
8. The Artist Panel will determine which students will become members of Young Artist Guild.
9. Piano, string and wind students must be enrolled in the CM Advanced Level.
10. Voice students must be enrolled in either the CM Level IX or X.
11. Piano, string and wind students in the 11th and 12th grade who have been evaluated and have passed consecutive years of Path A CM since the 9th grade are eligible for Young Artist Guild.
12. Vocalists in the 12th grade through age 25, who are enrolled in CM Level 9 or Advanced, and who have participated in at least three years of Path A CM including the current one, are eligible for Young Artist Guild.

Music Preparation for YAG

13. Memorization:
 - Piano:** All music must be memorized.
 - Strings:** All music must be memorized except in the case of a sonata where the piano and string parts are equally balanced, and is considered chamber music. Only one such chamber work may be programmed and performed with music during panel auditions.
 - Winds:** Memorization is optional
 - Voice:** All literature except oratorio arias must be memorized.
14. Young Artist Guild candidates are required to prepare a minimum of 45 minutes of music. The program should demonstrate the ability of the candidate to perform various styles and periods of music. **See specific discipline syllabus for music requirements.**
15. Piano applicants must include music from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic/Early 20th Century and Contemporary periods. They must also include one complete Classical, Romantic or 20th Century sonata.
16. String and wind students are not required to perform a complete sonata.
17. For the YAG 45 minute program, strings are allowed to select music from Level VII to Advanced. It is recommended, however, that music from Level IX/Advanced be performed.
18. The repertoire at all auditions is timed. The timing on the application must be correct.
19. The YAG audition is scheduled for 30 minutes. The student will present in recital format 18-20 minutes of music selected from the list. The remaining audition time will consist of music chosen by the judges from the list of music on the application.

Young Artist Guild Membership Responsibilities

20. Students chosen to become Young Artist Guild Members must perform on the YAG Recital at the State Convention in June/July or forfeit their membership.
21. YAG Members are expected to follow the requirements regarding Branch Recitals as stated on the Letter of Intent.
 - a. Agree to continue studying their instrument or voice with a teacher during the 5 years of YAG membership.
 - b. Agree to perform Branch recitals when requested during the 5 years of YAG membership.
22. Students who do not agree to perform on the Branch recitals when asked, and/or who are no longer in a music study program, will be dropped from YAG Membership.