Contest Rules

Categories:

Maximum Length of Performance

a. Grades 5-6  9 minutes
b. Grades 7-8  11 minutes
c. Grades 9-10  12 minutes
d. Grades 11-12  13 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 time allotted, the judges have the option to stop the performance.

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

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 second- and third-place winners.

6. The four trophy winners will play in the finals. The overall winner will be awarded a prize of $250 and the runner-up will be awarded a prize of $150. At the discretion of Blinn faculty members, deserving performers in the 11th-12th grade category will be offered Blinn College music scholarships.

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

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

To apply for audition times, the entrant must complete and submit the registration 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 and Performing Arts
Attn: John Dujka
Blinn College
902 College Avenue
Brenham, TX 77833

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The 18th annual Blinn College District Young Pianist Competition will be held Saturday, January 25, 2020, 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 Allyne Machat Music Facility. 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 interested in auditioning at Blinn College.

Judges for this year’s competition will be Dr. Tali Morgulis of The University of Houston Moores School of Music, Dr. Ilonka Rus of Sam Houston State University, and Dr. Kiyoshi Tamagawa of Southwestern University.