

California ASTA Solo Competition

Sunday, August 25, 2024

La Sierra University

4500 Riverwalk Parkway, Riverside, CA 92505

2024 Guidelines

General Guidelines

1. Open to string players (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Classical Guitar or Harp) who are students of active California ASTA members.
2. Entrants must have participated in their ASTA Section Competition in either 2023 or 2024, and have been declared eligible by the judges to advance to the State Competition.
3. Sections may submit as many entrants as the judges in their section competitions deem qualified.
4. There are three age divisions: Novice, age 12 and under, Junior, age 13-18, and Senior, age 19-25. The cutoff date for the age divisions is the date of the competition, which is August 25, 2024.
5. The judges will declare one winner for each instrument, in each age division: Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Classical Guitar and Harp.
6. Any state winner may not compete again in the same age category, but must wait until they reach the correct age for the next age category.
7. Competition will be presented as a formal recital. All contestants will receive a certificate of participation the day of the event. Winners will be announced within two days and prize money will be mailed to the individual winners. The prize awards are as follows: \$150 for Novice, \$200 for Junior and \$300 for Senior.
8. All confirmations will be sent to students via email.
9. Questions can be answered by contacting the State Competition Chair 2024, Wendy Velasco cellovelasco@gmail.com

Repertoire and Performance

1. Two works are required. One piece from the Classical or Baroque period, and another one from a contrasting period. All works must be memorized. Performances may not exceed 10 minutes for Novice Division or 15 minutes for Junior and Senior Division entrants (both pieces combined). Pieces may be pre-cut in order to fit the time limit, or the judges may stop a performance once the time limit has been reached. Judges may also ask candidates to play any part of a piece.
2. Piano accompaniment is required where appropriate.

Application Deadline and Fees

1. Applications and appropriate fees made payable to CalASTA must be postmarked by July 1, 2024. An entrance fee of \$75.00 must accompany each application.
2. A professional accompanist can be provided by ASTA for a fee of \$75.00, which must be requested and paid for at the time of application. The accompanist will provide a brief pre-performance run-through. If more time for run-through is desired, the competitor will be charged according to his/her assigned accompanist's personal rate. Competitors must request the additional time with their applications, so that arrangements may be made.

Online Application Link:

1. The online Application link will be available on the State Website on June 1 with a deadline of June 30. The number of students competing will be capped at 40 bowed strings plus 40 guitar/harp applicants based on a first come first served basis.