



National Society of Arts and Letters

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NSAL 2026 NATIONAL HIGH BRASS COMPETITION

Trumpet and French Horn
Little Rock, Arkansas, May 14-16, 2026

CONTESTANT APPLICATION FORM

(Print application in black ink or type)

Complete the Application Form and send or email it to the Competition Chair of the NSAL Chapter to which you are applying to compete in the NSAL High Brass Competition. (If you prefer to mail your application form and a copy of your legal residence documentation, please email the NSAL Chapter Competition Chair and request a mailing address.)

To which NSAL Chapter are you applying to compete? _____

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

You must be a citizen or a legal resident of the United States or US Territories with a valid taxpayer identification number. You must have a United States Social Security number or a taxpayer identification number and a United States residence address.

United States Social Security Number: _____
(All monetary awards are taxable by the Internal Revenue Service)

If you aren't a citizen of the United States or U.S. Territories, give the form of legal residence and Tax Identification Number: _____

If you are a naturalized citizen, please give certificate number and date of naturalization:

Current Street/Apt. Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

WhatsApp Account (if applicable) _____

Alternate address (such as a home address) and contact where you can always be reached:

C/O Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Along with your contestant application form submit a legal document(s) verifying your date of birth and proof of legal residence in the United States. Examples: a birth certificate, passport, naturalization certificate, student visa, or green card.

Submit a high-resolution jpeg headshot and a short biography of your accomplishments. This can include formal education and training, outstanding teachers and institutions where you studied and/or conductors with whom you have worked, honors and awards, and performance experience with dates and locations.

COMPETITION REPERTOIRE

(Indicate specific movements from multi-movement works listed.)

1. First Selection: _____

2. Second Selection: _____

3. Third Selection: _____

DECLARATION OF RESPONSIBILITY: I certify that the information contained in this application is true, correct, and complete. I agree to conform to the rules and regulations of the competition. If I win an award at the Chapter Level, I agree to participate in the Chapter Awards Celebration as requested by the Chapter. If I win first place at the Chapter Level, I will represent the Chapter to the best of my ability in the National Competition with timely attendance and participation in the competition and related convention events. I give permission to the NSAL to share photographs and videos that I submit as elements of the competition. I give permission to the NSAL to document my participation in the competition with photographs and videos. I authorize the use of such photographs and videos to be used in NSAL-related events as well as in publications, promotions, news, social media, and the NSAL website for the purpose of documenting and promoting activities related to the NSAL.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

HOW TO APPLY

Choose the NSAL Chapter from the NSAL 2026 Chapter Contact List. You may apply to the chapter closest to your home or current residence. Submit your completed Application Form to the Chapter by the application deadline along with these required documents and other competition related materials including:

- a) a scan or copy of a legal document verifying your date of birth and proof of legal residence in the United States. Examples: a birth certificate, passport, naturalization certificate, student visa, or green card.
- b) a high resolution jpeg head shot
- c) a short biography regarding your music education, training, and accomplishments
- d) the chapter level application fee (where applicable)

You will receive an email confirming receipt of application, required documents, and competition materials.

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