



# MMTA Student Composition Contest

- Purpose** To encourage students to learn about the art of music composition and creatively apply the principles learned in musical study.
- Program Director** Dorothy Sandquist, 432 - 16th Avenue SW, Rochester, MN 55902  
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- Deadline** March 1, 2008
- How to Register** Send completed student composition contest registration form (*See Handbook pg. 59*), composition(s) and appropriate fee to the MMTA Office. If desired, students may include a recording of their composition on cassette tape or CD. (**Note:** *Cassettes and CDs will not be returned.*)
- Fees**
- Primary (Grade 3 and under) - \$11
  - Elementary (Grades 4, 5, 6) - \$11
  - Junior High (Grades 7, 8, 9) - \$13
  - Senior High (Grades 10, 11, 12) - \$16
  - Additional entry fee for Non-Member Teachers - \$125
- Procedures**
- See **General Rules and Procedures for All MMTA Programs, pg. 10.**
  - **Composition Criteria/Requirements:**
    - Only one entry per student.
    - Compositions submitted in previous years may not be re-entered.
    - Compositions may be written for more than one medium, but for no more than 10 performers.
    - Multi-movement works are allowable, but must not be more than 10 minutes in length.
  - **Score Presentation:**
    - The student's name *should not be written on the score itself*. The Program Director will have the registration forms and will ensure each teacher receives the proper scores for their student(s).
    - A pencil copy is allowed for the Primary, Elementary and Junior High categories. Ink is required for Senior High.
    - For the Elementary, Junior High and Senior High categories, the score must be in the student's own handwriting.
    - Computer-generated scores are welcome but not mandatory. Computer scores must be created by the student.
    - Measures need to be numbered at the left of each staff system.
    - If desired, students may include a recording of their composition on cassette tape or CD. (**Note:** *Cassettes and CDs will not be returned.*)
- Awards** All students receive a Certificate of Participation. In addition, First, Second and Third Place winners - as well as Honorable Mention - are chosen in each category. Winners are awarded a certificate accompanied by a monetary award.
- Form** See page 59, or [www.mnmusicteachers.com](http://www.mnmusicteachers.com).