

YoungArts 2025 Application Requirements

Classical Music: Piano

Please follow the requirements related to your discipline/category as closely as possible. Failure to comply with the requirements may make your application ineligible for an award.

Piano

Your application should display a full range of technical skills and interpretive ability by presenting works by a variety of composers. All repeats must be omitted.

Submit a total of **three (3) individual digital video recordings of the applicant's choosing** to include the following and in the following order:

- **One (1) prelude and fugue from J.S. Bach's *The Well-Tempered Clavier, Volume 1 or 2*** (no substitutions permitted).
- **The first or last movement of a classical sonata** (excluding Beethoven's *Op. 49, Op. 79* and Mozart's *K.545*) **OR one (1) selection from the Romantic period through the early 20th Century.** (Large form, no less than 5 min in length. Examples: Chopin Scherzo or Ballade, Ravel fast mvmt. of *Gaspard de la nuit*, Brahms, complete late opus or group of individual mvmts, no less than 5 min.)
- **One (1) selection originally written within the last 40 years.**

NOTE: If selected as a winner with distinction, you will be required to perform your submitted materials live for the panel during National YoungArts Week.

Guidelines for Recording

- Use a fixed point of view for your camera with you being the main focus. Shoot straight on, leaving the camera in one location. Do not pan or move the camera. Camera should be no closer than waist up.
- Ensure recording captures good quality image and sound. Check for good balance and blend.
- Make sure there is 1-3 seconds of silence before the beginning of the piece.
- No sound enhancements are allowed.
- Hands and fingers must be visible.
- If you are playing from memory, be sure there is no music on the stand.

Media Submission Requirements

- Save and name your files individually with their titles.
- Upload each selection as a separate video file.
- List the title of piece and the composer in the correct spaces provided on your application.
- Do not put your name or any identifying information in or on your media submission.
- When uploading, be sure that the video image is upright (not sideways or upside down) and plays smoothly.