



Florida Gulf Coast University/Steinway Piano Society

Young Artist

PIANO COMPETITION

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We are pleased to announce that the 2025 FGCU/Steinway Young Artist Piano Competition will take place **Saturday, April 26, 2025** in the U. Tobe Recital Hall at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Students who are in grades K-12 in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee County (including those who are home-schooled) are eligible. The event will follow a recital format where competitors, other piano students, teachers, parents, and visitors are the audience.

All applicants should review the complete competition rules. Download the rules or apply online at SPSFlorida.org.

The Awards Recital will be held on Friday, May 9 at 7 pm, also at the U.Tobe Recital Hall, featuring winner performances and presentation of trophies and scholarships. All participants and music lovers are encouraged to attend both the Competition and the Awards Recital.

Applications must be submitted by **Friday, March 28** and include a \$40 application fee. Late applications will be accepted only until **Friday, April 11** with a late registration fee of \$50. Contestant performance times will be announced after the late application deadline.

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Note:

Only original scores will be accepted for the competition. Students will not be allowed to take part in the competition if their music does not comply with these regulations. See the "Scores" section of the rules for complete details.

Please direct any questions to Chairperson Mary Seal at mseal@fgcu.edu.

Thank you for your interest and we hope you will be a part of this exciting event. We look forward to seeing you at the competition!



Dr. Michael Baron, Competition Director
Mary W Seal, Competition Chairperson

2025 FGCU/Steinway Young Artist Competition Rules and Regulations

Eligibility Student pianists currently enrolled in grades K-12 in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, and Hendry counties in public or private schools or residents who are home schooled.

Categories

Early Elementary
Ages 5-8

Late Elementary
Ages 9-11

Junior
Ages 12-14

Senior
Ages 15-18

- *Category placement is based on age as of Saturday, April 26, 2025.*
- *First place winners from the previous years must advance to the next category until they reach the age of the category to which they were advanced.*
- *If a student wins first place twice in the Senior Division or is the Overall Winner twice, they are retired from the competition.*

Repertoire **Early Elementary** competitors must memorize and perform **two** contrasting pieces of age-appropriate repertoire.

Late Elementary through Senior competitors must memorize and perform **two** pieces of standard published solo repertoire by master composers.

- The first piece must represent the Baroque or Classical era (1600-1825).
- The 2nd piece must be from the Romantic, Impressionist or Contemporary eras (1825-present).

No arrangements, popular music, new age, or commercial music at any level or in any time period is permitted.

Composer dates and era classifications are found on the MTNA website.
<https://www.mtna.org/downloads/Engage/ComposerClassifications.pdf>

Scores An **original published edition** (no copies) of each piece must be provided at the competition check-in table.

Measures must be numbered at the beginning of each line.

No teaching or method pieces, no cuts, no photocopies, no computer-generated scores.

Students will not be allowed to take part in the competition if their music does not comply with these regulations.

Repeats are allowed within time limits, at the discretion of the student's teacher.

Time Limits

Early Elementary
5 minutes

Late Elementary
8 minutes

Junior
12 minutes

Senior
15 minutes

Performers who exceed their time limit will be stopped.

The recital hall and/or practice rooms at the Bower School of Music are not available for warm-up on the day of the competition or any time before.

We are not responsible for incomplete or late submissions or errors in the application. Please read the complete rules and check your application carefully before submitting.

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- Application** Completed and accurate application forms must be submitted with the **\$40.00** application fee payable to the Steinway Piano Society by **Friday, March 28**.
- Late applications will only be accepted until Friday, April 11, with an application fee of \$50.00.*
- No applications will be accepted after these dates. There are no refunds once an application is submitted.
- Competition** Competitors will be notified of their competition performance time via e-mail by April 21.
- Dress Code** Concert attire is expected for both the Competition and the Awards Recital.
- Notification** Teachers of finalists will be contacted by phone following the competition and told which piece their student(s) will perform at the Awards Recital.
- It is the teacher's responsibility to notify their student(s).
- All finalists are required to perform at the Awards Recital.
- Awards Recital** **Friday, May 9 at 7 pm**
U. Tobe Recital Hall, FGCU Bower School of Music
Presentation of all awards and prizes will take place at the conclusion of the recital.
- THE AWARDS RECITAL IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**
- Performances** Winners may be invited to perform for the Steinway Piano Society members and patrons during the upcoming season. Date and time to be announced.

Good luck!

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