



Berkley-Pendell Piano Scholarship Competition and Festival

March 23, 2025

Eligibility: Students must be grade 5-12 in school, study with the same teacher for minimum of 6 consecutive months and be enrolled in NMA during the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Students may enter the same level several years in a row provided they didn't win 1st place in the previous years.

Berkley-Pendell Festival: non-competitive event where students receive valuable professional adjudication experience and a certificate of participation. The judges will invite the best students from the festival to participate in the Celebratory Recital on March 29, 2025, at the Covenant Living at Windsor Park. We especially encourage students to participate in this festival to gain experience playing for the judges but not in a competitive setting.

Awards: certificate of participation and medals for all festival and competition participants.

Berkley-Pendell Competition: a very competitive event which includes students from the Western Suburbs. Students receive valuable professional assessment and a relative placement.

Competition Awards: students who win 1st place and 2nd place receive monetary awards. Students also receive a certificate of participation. The Celebratory concert will include students who won 1st and 2nd prize and some students with Honorary Mention.

Repertoire Requirements: This is a very competitive event which requires significant practice time and a good instrument at home. Students who don't have a full keyboard/piano with graduated weighted keys should not attend this event. Students must be able to play two perfectly memorized songs of contrasting characters, equivalent to AIM exam level 4 or higher. Your teacher will let you know if your child would benefit from participating. The teachers decide about the level and the repertoire.

Event Date and Location: Sunday, March 23, 2025, between 1-7 pm, at McAninch Arts Center of College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL. Students would not be able to choose the performance time.

Fees: \$45 for competition and \$30 for festival payable in cash or check to your teacher or NMA; for credit card payments please add a \$5 processing fee. The fees are non-refundable.

Registration: Deadline – February 15, 2025. All you need to do is submit the fee to NMA or your teacher and let your teacher know that you made the payment.

Awards distribution and Concert Participants are announced immediately following the completion of each division.

Celebratory Recital: for 1st, 2nd place and possibly Honorable Mention awardees from the Competition event. Also, the best students from the Festival will be invited to participate.

Celebratory Recital Date and Location: Sunday, March 29, 2025, at Covenant Living at Windsor Park. No additional fee.

Photo/Video Approval: parents of the participating students will need to sign the consent form for their child to participate in all photos/videos taken at the competition, festival, and celebratory concert.

Monetary Awards for Competition Participants:

Elementary 1 Division: Grade 5

First Place \$100

Second Place \$75

Elementary 2 Division: Grade 5

First Place \$125

Second Place \$100

Junior 1 Division: Grades 6-7

First Place \$150

Second Place \$125

Junior 2 Division: Grades 8-9

First Place \$175

Second place \$150

Senior Division: Grades 10-12

First Place \$200

Second Place \$175

EVENT RULES:

1. Students must own original music: book or legally purchased download with the name of the purchaser clearly printed on the music
2. The sheet music must be clean with only measure numbers marked. No student or teacher's name may be written on the music.
3. There are strict time limitations for performances – please consult your teacher about this. If the performance exceeds the required time limit the judge may interrupt the student before they end the work. Timing will be strictly enforced.