



Music Department

Niskayuna Central Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students who sing or play an instrument have the opportunity to participate in the **2021 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo Festival**. Students perform a prepared piece of music (chosen from the NYSSMA Manual), scales and will be given an example of music to sight read. Your child's performance will be evaluated by a qualified NYSSMA Adjudicator who will provide students with constructive comments and a rating.

This festival, as with **all 2021 NYSSMA solo festivals will be held virtually. There will be NO IN-PERSON festivals this year.** Students will have a one-week window (March 19 – March 26, 2021) to record their performance and upload to the "MusicFirst" web-based program for music evaluations.

Here is the process for interested students:

1. Students must register through Niskayuna CSD. Private teachers cannot register their students.
2. Complete the form on the next page and return (with the fee) to the district music office by Feb. 12, 2021.
3. After registration is complete students will receive a URL to upload their work.
4. **Students record and upload their performance from March 19 – March 26.** Recordings can be done on a smartphone or tablet. Students will also have the option to record directly into the "MusicFirst" program.
5. Receive the written adjudicator feedback/evaluation approximately 1-2 weeks after the performance

Uploaded student performance will include five tasks:

- Task 1 – student will complete field prompts for general registration
- Task 2 – student will upload a scanned copy of their solo or ensemble score
- Task 3 – scales*
- Task 4 - solo
- Task 5 – sight reading

*Scales – (*Instrumentalists only*) The required three scales for each level will be available to teachers and students on the NYSSMA Website and School Music News. Students will pre-record their scales or rudiments and upload when completing Task 3.

Fees: Cash or check payable to NISKAYUNA FRIENDS OF MUSIC (or FOM)

Level 1-4: \$16 Level 5-6: \$24 All-State Level: \$30

Please return the registration page (and check made payable to FOM) to the District Music Office by February 12, 2021.

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March 19-26, 2021
Levels 1-6 & All-State
Virtual Festival

CHECK # _____

NYSSMA VIRTUAL SOLO REGISTRATION FORM

SOLO REGISTRATION ONLY

NAME _____ Parent phone number _____

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Vocal

or

Instrumental

(indicate alto, soprano, bass)

(indicate clarinet, violin, percussion, etc.)

School Name _____ Lesson Teacher's Name _____

Grade in School (circle one) 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Please Check Appropriate Level:

___ **Regular Solo,** **Level** (circle one) **1 - 2 - 3 - 4** **@ \$16.00**

___ **Regular Solo,** **Level** (circle one) **5 - 6** **@ \$24.00**

___ **All-State Solo** **Vocal or Instrumental** (circle one) **@ \$30.00**

Make checks payable to **Niskayuna Friends of Music.**

Checks and forms must be returned to your child's music teacher or the district music office at Niskayuna High School no later than **Friday, February 12, 2021.**

NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED! A separate check and form are needed for each adjudication.

Forms and payment may also be mailed to:

Niskayuna High School
1626 Balltown Road
Niskayuna, NY 12309

Attn: District Music Office (NYSSMA)