

The

MUSICAL MERIT

Foundation



OF GREATER SAN DIEGO

## 2020 AUDITION REGULATIONS

### AUDITION DATES FOR 2020

PRELIMINARY AUDITIONS: Wednesday, May 27

SEMI-FINAL AUDITIONS: Friday, May 29

FINAL AUDITIONS: Saturday, May 30

AWARDS CONCERT: Sunday, May 31 at 3:00pm

All events will take place at First United Methodist Church, San Diego

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

#### AGE REQUIREMENTS

**INSTRUMENTALISTS:** all applicants must have reached age 16 or be a graduating high school senior, and not have reached age 24 on the date of the Final Audition.

**VOCALISTS:** all applicants must have reached age 18 or be a graduating high school senior, and not have reached age 32 on the date of the Final Audition.

#### RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

**FIRST TIME APPLICANTS:** An applicant who is participating in the Preliminary Auditions must be a resident of San Diego County, Imperial County, or Baja California del Norte for a minimum of one year at the time of the Preliminary Auditions - OR - have been a full-time registered student (12 semester units) in a college or university in the above geographic area since the preceding September. Proof of full-time registration must be provided with the application.

**RETURNING APPLICANTS** who did not pass through to the Final Audition: A returning applicant who is again participating in the Preliminary Auditions must be a resident of San Diego County, Imperial County, or Baja California del Norte for a minimum of one year at the time of the Preliminary Auditions - OR - have been a full-time registered student (12 semester units) in a college or university in the above geographic area since the preceding September. Proof of full-time registration must be provided with the application.

**FINALISTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS:** Residency requirements do not apply to participants who have previously competed in the Final Auditions.

## □ GENERAL AUDITION RULES FOR APPLICANTS

**Accompanist** You must provide your own accompanist, if needed. Your accompanist should arrive with you at the time of your audition.

**Repertoire** Audition repertoire should be from the appropriate, standard established repertoire. Please consult the Repertoire Requirements at [musicalmerit.org](http://musicalmerit.org). You are expected to present exactly the same repertoire program as in your Preliminary Auditions should you be chosen to compete in this year's Final Auditions. Deadline to request changes to proposed audition repertoire is May 10 at 11:59PM.

**Repetition of Repertoire** No Final Auditions applicant may present compositions prepared for Musical Merit auditions in prior years (note exception regarding operatic arias listed under Required Audition Music/Voice.)

**Original Scores** Applicants must provide original, printed scores of all music to be performed for the use of the judges at each level of the competition. Copyright laws do not permit us to allow the use of photocopies, except as duplicate copies of your originals. If your music is downloaded, the pages must have the PERMISSION FOR USE designation, and if printing from a repertoire CD, you must provide the original CD. If you perform something that is no longer in print, you must provide acknowledgement from the publisher stating this fact.

**Audition Times** You will be notified of your audition times at least one week prior to the date of your audition. If you pass through the Preliminary Auditions, you will be notified of your Semi-Final Auditions time by phone or email on the evening of the Preliminary Auditions.

**Schedule** Participants selected for the Final Auditions are urged to keep their entire audition day free so the judges may call them back should they require a second hearing for final deliberation. Finalists also attend the Finalists' Reception in the early evening on Saturday, May 30.

**Awards Concert** It is MANDATORY for all winners to perform in the Awards Concert on Sunday, June 2, 2020, or forfeit their awards. Semi-finalists should attend. All other participants are encouraged to attend this free concert.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

All interested participants must complete the Application to Audition online at [www.musicalmerit.wildapricot.org](http://www.musicalmerit.wildapricot.org)

DEADLINE:

Applications must be completed before **April 30, 2020 11:59pm**

The requirements for the online application include:

- Application Fee: \$15.00 (non-refundable)
- Complete list of all repertoire to be performed including title, opus, and composer
- Letter of Recommendation from your private music teacher\*
- Statement of Musical Goals\*
- Transcript of credit from the school last attended\*

*\* returning Finalists from previous years are not required to submit these materials*

