

A Call for Compositions

NYSSMA students—send us your compositions!

Students who submit a composition will receive a written evaluation about their piece. Each submitted composition will also be considered for inclusion in the **21st Annual NYSSMA Young Composer Honors Concert** at the All-State Winter Conference in Rochester. Composers of the selected pieces will also participate in morning clinics and a post-concert discussion with the NYSSMA Composer-in-Residence.

Age Categories

Grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 (**New rule—seniors are allowed to participate this year!**) Although compositional quality is the primary criterion, NYSSMA will attempt to represent all three age categories and will seek to program a concert of varied style, genre, and instrumentation

Rules and Regulations

- Compositions must not exceed five (5) minutes in duration.
- Compositions may be for a solo instrument or voice, or for an ensemble of instruments and/or voices.
- Each applicant may submit a maximum of two compositions, but each composition requires a separate application and \$15 submission fee.
- Compositions will be judged based on 3 criteria: Compositional Technique, Musical Appeal, and Creativity.
- If a composition is selected for performance at the Winter Conference, NYSSMA will assist in the recruitment of performers, but NYSSMA cannot guarantee a performance.
- Students whose works are selected will be expected to attend the conference.
- Travel, housing, and other expenses for students who attend the conference are the responsibility of the composer or sponsoring school.
- Any student (K-12) enrolled in a NYSSMA Participating School District is eligible to submit compositions.

Online Application Procedure

The application procedure has three parts:

1. On or before June 7, 2019, register your application online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/H4eITjM8frVkpVa72>
2. On or before June 7, 2019, send an MP3 file of a recording and a PDF file of the score as e-mail attachments to nyssmacomposition@gmail.com.
3. The subject line of the e-mail must include the student's name. Name the files in this format: lastname,firstname_title.format (For example: **deemer,rob_sonata.mp3** and **deemer,rob_sonata.pdf**).
4. In the body of your e-mail you must include the student's full name, address, phone number, and title of composition.
5. A completed Application Form (detach below) together with an entry fee of \$15 per composition (check payable to NYSSMA – NO CASH!) must be postmarked by June 7, 2019 and mailed to:

**Brian Zeller—NYSSMA Composition
Red Hook High School
103 West Market Street
Red Hook, NY 12571**

6. **PLEASE NOTE:**
 - a. Late applications and submissions will not be accepted.
 - b. If a live recording is not available by the deadline, please send an MP3 of a MIDI mockup instead.

For further information, please contact Dr. Rob Deemer, NYSSMA Composition Committee Chair, at deemer@fredonia.edu.

Application Form (Please detach and print clearly):

Student's Name: _____

Composition Title: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip code : _____

Telephone: _____ Parent E-mail: _____