



## 2017 Rules and Application Instructions

Please read the following information thoroughly before filling out the application. Failure to comply with the following rules may result in disqualification. The US New Star Piano Competition will be held via .mp4 video file submissions. To apply, fill out the application form on the following page. Application forms must be filled out clearly and completely.

### 1. Age Groups

Applicants must select the correct age group on the application form that corresponds to their age as of November 30, 2017.

Group I:	Ages 7 and under
Group II:	Ages 8-9
Group III:	Ages 10-11
Group IV:	Ages 12-13
Group V:	Ages 14-15
Group VI:	Ages 16-18

### 2. Video Requirements

The music recording must be clear and free of background noise. The side of the applicant's face must be visible in the frame. Both hands and the pedals must also be visible in the frame. The video must be recorded by a single camera. Each piece must be recorded in a single continuous take. The submitted video may not be used for any purposes except for submission in the competition. The video may not be edited. All recordings sent will not be returned and will be the sole property of US New Star Music, LLC. US New Star Music, LLC reserves the right to post the winners and their videos to the internet.

### 3. Music Requirements

Applicants must prepare two solo piano pieces from contrasting periods. One piece must be from the Classical or Baroque period. The piece must be memorized. There is no time limit.

### 4. Dates and Fees

All applications, fees, audition videos, and application change requests must be shared electronically and/or postmarked no later than *December 7, 2017* to be considered. International entries must be received by *December 7, 2017*. The entry fee for the US New Star Piano Competition is \$60. An early discount of \$10 is available if the application, all fees, and the video are postmarked by *October 30, 2017*, and a late fee of \$20 applies if the application, fees, or video is submitted after *November 30, 2017*. There is also an additional \$20 processing fee for non-US residents.

Application fees must be paid by check or money order made out to **US New Star Music, LLC**. All application fees are non-refundable.

## 5. Application Changes

If applicants are missing application form information or choose to change their music or any application form information, they must resend the application form with all changes, and resubmit the audition video if there is a change in music. Any missing fees should be sent in as well.

If any of the above changes are made, applicants must submit an application change form (page 4) in addition to the changed application form or video. An additional re-entry processing fee of \$20 must be enclosed with the form.

## 6. Submission

Applicants may submit their videos through Google Drive, by e-mail, or on CDs. All videos must be in .mp4 file format. Each file should be named '**Piano Audition Video: (Applicant Name): Piece (I/II)**'.

- If submitted through Google Drive, the videos must be shared with [competition@usnsmc.org](mailto:competition@usnsmc.org) and titled '**Piano Audition Video: (Applicant Name): Piece (I/II)**'.
- If applicants choose to share their videos by e-mail, the files must be sent to [competition@usnsmc.org](mailto:competition@usnsmc.org). Applicants must change the subject of the e-mail to '**Piano Audition Video: (Applicant Name)**'.
- If applicants choose to send their videos through CDs, the disks must be labeled clearly with the following: '**Piano Audition Video: (Applicant Name)**'. Audio CDs will not be accepted.

Please send the application form, all payments, and audition CD (if this submission method is chosen) to:

US NEW STAR MUSIC LLC  
18750 HANNA DRIVE  
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

## 7. Winners

The winners of the US New Star Piano Competition will be announced on [usnsmc.org](http://usnsmc.org) by *January 7, 2018*. The adjudicators will be professional musician(s), unaffiliated with US New Star Music, LLC. Adjudicator(s) will select winners for each age group. Decisions of the adjudicator(s) are final. The winners and their videos will be posted on the US New Star Music Competition website. Winners will be announced for each category for each age group. The winners of the US New Star Piano Competition will each receive a certificate, and the First Prize winners will receive a cash prize of \$100. Certificates and cash prizes will be sent by *January 21, 2018* to the addresses of the applicants' teachers.

# 2017 US New Star Piano Competition Application Form

Applicant Information	
E-mail: _____	TEL: _____
Name: _____	
Age (as of Nov. 30, 2017): _____	Date of Birth: <small>FIRST</small> _____ / <small>MI</small> _____ / <small>LAST</small> _____ / <small>MM</small> _____ / <small>DD</small> _____ / <small>YY</small> _____
Gender:    Male    Female	
Home Address: _____	
City: _____	ZIP/Postal Code: _____
State/Province: _____	Country: _____

Teacher Information	
E-mail: _____	TEL: _____
Name: _____	
Address: _____	<small>FIRST</small> _____ <small>MI</small> _____ <small>LAST</small> _____
City: _____	ZIP/Postal Code: _____
State/Province: _____	Country: _____

Entry Information	
Age Group (select one):	I                      II                      III                      IV                      V                      VI
Audition Method (select one):	Google Drive                      E-mail                      CD (enclosed with application)

Piece I	
Name*: _____	
Composer: _____	Length: _____ ' _____ " <small>mm</small> <small>ss</small>

Piece II	
Name*: _____	
Composer: _____	Length: _____ ' _____ " <small>mm</small> <small>ss</small>

Agreement	
By entering the US New Star Piano Competition, I agree to the rules specified in the US New Star Piano Competition Rules and Application Instructions. I understand that no audition submissions will be returned. I certify that all of the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.	
Applicant Signature: _____	Date: _____
Parent Signature**: _____	Date: _____

Amount Due	
Entry Fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$60
Early Discount	-\$10
Late Fee	\$20
International Fee	\$20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

\*Include movement, opus, and number, if needed.  
 \*\*If applicant is under 18 years of age