



## 2018 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 by Composer 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 *February 15, 2018*.

- Group I: Ages 9 and under
- Group II: Ages 10-13
- Group III: Ages 14-17

### 2. Categories

There are three entry categories, defined by composer. Applicants can enter pieces from as many categories as they like. Applicants may enter one piece for each category.

- Frédéric Chopin
- Ludwig van Beethoven
- J.S. Bach

### 3. 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 should be recorded by a single camera. The piece must be memorized. There is no time limit. 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.

### 4. Dates and Fees

All application forms, fee and audition videos must be postmarked no later than *February 22, 2018* to be considered. The entry fee for each category is \$60. An early discount of \$10 is available if the application form, all fees, and the video are submitted prior to *January 15, 2018*, and a late fee of \$20 applies if the application, fees, or video is submitted after *February 15, 2018*. 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 '**Composer Audition Video: (Applicant Name): (Composer Name)**'.

- If submitted through Google Drive, the videos must be shared with [competition@usnsmc.org](mailto:competition@usnsmc.org) and titled '**Composer Audition Video: (Applicant Name): (Composer Name)**'.
- 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 '**Composer Audition Video: (Applicant Name)**'.
- If applicants choose to send their videos through CDs, the disks must be labeled clearly with the following: '**Composer 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  
18570 HANNA DRIVE  
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

## 7. Winners

The winners of the US New Star Piano Competition by Composer will be announced on [usnsmc.org](http://usnsmc.org) by *March 15, 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 by Composer 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 *March 28, 2018* to the addresses of the applicants' teachers.

# 2018 US New Star Piano Competition by Composer Application Form

## Applicant Information

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of Feb. 15, 2018): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: <sup>FIRST</sup>\_\_\_\_ / <sup>MI</sup>\_\_\_\_ / <sup>LAST</sup>\_\_\_\_ / <sup>MM</sup>\_\_\_\_ / <sup>DD</sup>\_\_\_\_ / <sup>YY</sup>\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male Female

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

## Teacher Information

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: <sup>FIRST</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>MI</sup>\_\_\_\_ <sup>LAST</sup>\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chopin Entry (if applicable)

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Composer: Frédéric Chopin Length: \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ ''  
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## Beethoven Entry (if applicable)

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Composer: Ludwig van Beethoven Length: \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ ''  
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## Bach Entry (if applicable)

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Composer: J.S. Bach Length: \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ ''  
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## Entry Information

Age Group (select one):            I                            II                            III  
 Audition Method (select one):    Google Drive            E-mail                    CD (enclosed)

## Agreement

***By entering the US New Star Piano Competition by Composer, I agree to the rules specified in the US New Star Piano Competition by Composer 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 Fees	Chopin	\$60
	Beethoven	\$60
	Bach	\$60
Early Discount		-\$10
Late Fee		\$20
International Fee		\$20
Total		\$ _____

\*Include movement, opus, and number, if needed.