

CalASTA Bakersfield Section
2018 Annual Solo Strings Competition Guidelines

Saturday April 14, 2018

Valley Baptist Church, 4800 Fruitvale Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308

There are two different events on the same day, fill out the application for the appropriate event –

CalASTA Bakersfield Section Competition or the festival on the other page.

Competition Guidelines

The CalASTA Bakersfield Section Solo String Competition is a competitive event open to players of violin, viola, cello, double bass, classical guitar, and harp up to age 25. Winners of this Competition may be invited to participate in the CalASTA Bi-Annual State Competition in the Fall of 2020.

Eligibility: - The Competition includes instrument categories for violin, viola, cello, double bass, classical guitar, and harp.

- Teachers of participants must be active members of ASTA, or the participant must be an active student member of ASTA. The Competition is divided into two age divisions: Junior (age 5 through age 13), and Senior (ages 14 through 25).

The age cutoff date is April 14, 2018.

Beginning in 2019 the following will be required: Proof of age is required, and a photocopy of birth certificate, driver's license or passport must accompany the application. Students who received cash awards from previous years are not eligible to compete this year unless they have aged up into the Senior Division.

Repertoire & Performance: All music must be memorized. Two works (or movements of works) from contrasting periods are required: One piece from the Baroque or Classical period, and one from the Romantic period or 20th Century (and 21st). Total playing time should not exceed twelve (12) minutes. Time slots are 15 minutes. Piano accompaniment is required where appropriate. Entrants should try to provide their own accompanist. If accompanist is not available, ASTA can provide one if you request it on your application. The fee for an ASTA accompanist is \$60.00, to be included with your Competition Fees.

Beginning in 2019, Both judges must be provided with a full original score of each work. No photocopies are allowed, unless they are digital copies with a purchase receipt. Photocopies (for the students or the judges) not meeting these standards will result in immediate disqualification.

Awards, Prizes & Winner's Promotion: All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation, and written comments from two judges. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place, and Honorable Mention Certificates may be given in each instrument category and in each age division, at the discretion of the two judges. First-place winners in each instrument category and the appropriate age divisions may be invited to participate in the CalASTA bi-annual State Competition in the Fall of 2020.

Select players (including those recommended for the State Competition) may be invited to perform at CalASTA Bakersfield Section's 2018 Fall Recital. - Judges may award the first place prizes for each age division: 1st Place - \$50.00 cash prize (courtesy of Sam Ames Violin Shop); The award money may be given to a single winner or multiple winners at the judges' discretion. – CalASTA Bakersfield Section reserves the right to cancel the competition or withhold cash prizes if fewer than ten (10) applicants per age division apply.

Please join us in celebrating string teaching and learning in CalASTA Bakersfield Section!