



ILLINOIS MUSIC SOCIETY

Annual Competition 2025

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Saturday, October 18, 2025

Community United Methodist Church in Downtown Naperville
20 Center Street, Naperville, IL 60540

1. This is a small competition where students can present their skills and talents in a supportive and nurturing environment, while improving their public presentation abilities.
2. **AWARDS:** Certificates for all participants, trophies for the top 3 placed students, others receive ribbons. A \$25 monetary award to the 1st placed competitors in each class. The awards will be available for pick up about 2 weeks after the competition. Monetary awards will be in the form of a check written out to the parent's name.
3. **WHO IS ELIGIBLE:** All students enrolled into the 1st quarter of 2025-26 academic year. Please consult your teacher whether your child would benefit from this experience.
4. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT FEES and REGISTRATION FORM:** **Saturday, September 20, 2025.**
Please note that we will accept late registration with an additional \$15 fee.
5. **ENTRY FEE:** \$42 per event – cash, check or credit cards. No additional charges for credit card payments.
6. **TO REGISTER: Submit the **registration form and fee as follows:****
 - Fill out the online google registration form (the link below) and we will process the card on file in the amount of \$42 per event.
 - Registration link: <https://forms.gle/s7NastTgpcXquAeW8>
7. IMS Annual Competition cannot offer refunds after the student has registered.
8. The students will know the exact time of their performance by October 10, 2025. The schedule will be posted on our website, and you will be notified by email. Please note that there is no possibility of requesting specific times.
9. Until you receive your schedule, please make sure that you are available all day on Saturday, October 18, 2025. Once the schedule is announced you only need to be present during your competing class. Due to the complex nature of scheduling this diverse event, Illinois Music Society cannot accommodate schedule change requests.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. **The song listed on the registration form cannot be changed.**
2. REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS: The lists of required songs for violin, piano, guitar and drums are posted on the IMS web site. The teacher will advise you which level and which song the student will be performing
3. **ORIGINAL BOOKS: Students must have original books or authorized downloads to present to the judge at the competition.**
 - If you have downloaded sheet music, the name at the bottom of each sheet must be the name of the student or the parent who purchased it.
 - We will not accept any downloaded sheet music that doesn't have the purchaser's identification on the sheet music.
 - If presenting the free download please bring the proof of free download, such as the page from the website where the song can be downloaded free of charge.
 - The measures must be numbered, and the pages clean of any markings except the measure numbers.
4. **Students who bring the photocopies will perform for comments only.**
5. VOICE CATEGORIES: There are 4 categories in vocal competition: classical, Broadway, pop/jazz/country, and self-accompanied using piano, guitar or ukulele. A student can enter one or all the categories. The fee for each category is \$42.
6. DRUM CATEGORIES: drum set and snare/rudimentary. These are separate categories and students can enter one or both.
7. ACCOMPANIMENTS: Students can perform *a capella* (by themselves) or with an accompaniment track. Students need to bring their devices with accompaniment tracks so they can connect them to a Bluetooth speaker in the room.
8. The student will give the original book to the judge at the beginning of the competing class.
9. **Music has to be fully memorized.**
10. DRESS CODE: Semi-formal
11. Competitors perform with students of similar age and level. The competitors are scheduled in 45–50-minute slots in which they perform with up to 8 other students. After the students in a designated time slot finish performing, the student rating will be announced by the judge. Your teacher will be notified of the results, and the certificates, ribbons and trophies will be given to them. Teachers will contact their students to pick up the awards.

Best of luck to all and please let us know if you have additional questions.