

# 2021 GRANITE STATE *COMPOSITION* COMPETITION

## RULES & GUIDELINES

### ***OBJECTIVE***

The New Hampshire Music Teachers Association will sponsor the *COMPOSITION* Competition in January 2021. This yearly competition rewards students for excellence in composition and encourages creativity and self-expression in student musicians through the art of composition. It provides incentive and encouragement for the serious student. The Composition Competition serves as a system for measuring achievement in music study through constructive criticism by experienced judges. This opportunity contributes to the establishment of high standards in the art of teaching and performing.

### ***COMPOSITION AGE LEVELS***

The NHMTA Composition Competition is offered at seven levels according to age. The age of the student on **January 1, 2021**, will determine the level.

		Entry fee
Level I	Ages 6, 7, 8	\$20
Level II	Ages 9 & 10	\$20
Level III	Ages 11 & 12	\$30
Level IV	Ages 13 & 14	\$30
Level V	Ages 15 & 16	\$40
Level VI	Ages 17 & 18	\$40
Level VII	Ages 19-22	\$50

### ***DATES***

The **POSTMARK DEADLINE** for all applications for the 2021 Composition Competition is **Friday, January 15, 2021**. Entries **postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted**. All checks should be made payable to NHMTA. Competitors will be notified and receive the judges' comments in early March, 2021.

### ***AWARDS***

Winners of each level will be asked to have their composition performed at a special NHMTA event in the future. Winners in all levels will receive a cash award to be presented at the special event.

The judge(s) will be encouraged to award 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place as well as honorable mentions, but it **is not required to declare a winner**. If there are more than 7 entrants in any category there will be three judges.