

## EMTA EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC AWARDS PROGRAM 2026

Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - Event Date: Saturday, May 16, 2026

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### STUDENT CHECKLIST

#### Eligibility

- Student is in grades 7–12
  - Application submitted by April 14, 2026
  - No registration fee required
  - Student meets 20% award limit based on 2025 awards:
    - 7th–8th: \$100 or less
    - 9th–10th: \$200 or less
    - 11th–12th: \$600 or less
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#### Volunteer Requirement

- Available all day on May 9, 2026, to volunteer at the Musicianship Festival
  - No schedule requests may be submitted
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#### EMTA Event Participation (Choose 2)

- Jazz, Rags & Blues Festival
  - Time Era Festival
  - Community Recital
  - Music Artistry Program (MAP – optional)
  - Composition Recital
  - Musicianship Festival (three Minimum participation is 3 live events)
- WSMTA / MTNA competitions do not count
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#### Performance Requirements

- Memorized repertoire
  - Music from 3 different time periods showing contrasting styles (composition students: three contrasting styles)
  - Time limits met (cuts allowed)
  - Student photo submitted (or opt-out)
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#### Age Group Details

##### 7th–8th Grade

- Performance time: 7 minutes
- Maximum award: \$120
- Winners not ranked
- Judges choose one student to perform in the EMTA Awards Gala on May 30th

##### 9th–10th Grade

- Performance time: 9 minutes

- Maximum award: \$300
- Winners not ranked
- Judges choose one student to perform in the EMTA Awards Gala on May 30th

### **11th–12th Grade**

- Performance: 10 minutes
- Interview: 5 minutes
- Essay submitted (500 words or less)

"Describe your musical goals in 500 words or less, detailing how music has impacted your life and what role it will play in your future." You may include significant musical events, collaborations, teachers, or other meaningful experiences.

- Maximum award: \$1,200
- Winners ranked (ties allowed)
- Joan Brown winner(s) invited to perform in the EMTA Awards Gala on May 30th

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### **Awards Program Event Locations:**

- 7th–10th Grades: Hartley Mansion, Everett
- 11th–12th Grades: Bonnie Thomas' home, Edmonds

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### **TEACHER CHECKLIST**

#### **Membership & Entries**

- EMTA membership active by Oct. 15, 2025
- Teacher instructs student in entered category
- Max 2 students per age group
- Max 4 students total

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#### **Volunteer & Event Support**

- Volunteer at Musicianship Festival
- Volunteer at Excellence in Music Awards
- Available to judge on May 16, 2026
- Notify event chair early if exception needed (wedding, graduation, etc.)
- Assist with event tasks if not judging

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#### **Student Oversight**

- Student meets volunteer requirement
- Student meets EMTA event participation requirement
- Student meets 20% eligibility rule
- Application complete and submitted on time

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