Piano Rules & Regulations 2026

The 13th New York International Artists Piano Competition is open for musicians of any nationality born after June 16, 1990, and born on or before June 15, 2015.

DIVISION

Junior Division: 11 to 17 Years old

Senior Division: 18 to 35 Years old

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Applications must consist of the following:

a. Completed online application form.
b. Photocopy of your birth certificate, passport, or driver's license. You may cross out any information other than your name, nationality, and date of birth.

NOTE: If you are a non-US passport holder and have been selected as the NYIAA Artist, you are responsible to obtain documentation and visa for entry to the United States in time for the concert. NYIAA will provide a letter of confirmation for visa purposes upon request.

c. YouTube link. The recording time frame should be approximately 10 to 30 minutes and must be suitable for evaluation as described in the **Qualification of the YouTube link** section. Please email competition@nyiaa.org to inquire concerns regarding the time frame.
d. Payment via PayPal. The application fee is non-refundable.

2. Applications will only be fully accepted when all required documents have been received.

3. No change of repertoire allowed after the **application deadline of June 15, 2026.**

QUALIFICATION OF THE YOUTUBE LINK

1. The YouTube link from the candidate's performance will be auditioned and judged by the competition committee/jurors. The candidate must submit recorded performances by submitting a YouTube link in the application form.
2. All YouTube links must be recorded in an appropriate venue. In order for the candidate's performance to be clearly evaluated, the recording must be of sufficient

high quality visually and audibly. NYIAA reserves the right to not accept the recording if the jury members are not able to see or hear the clarity of the performance.

3. The candidate should be dressed appropriately.

4. The recordings should be approximately between 10 to 30 minutes.

5. Using an electric keyboard substitution for the YouTube link recording will not be accepted for the competition.

6. The candidate's hands must be visible at all times on the screen.

PREVIOUS WINNERS' REAPPLYING RULES

1. The New York International Artists Piano Competition's previous first-prize winners may not reapply for the 2026 New York International Artists Piano Competition.

2. The New York International Artists Piano Competition's previous second-prize winners and third-prize winners are eligible to reapply for the 2026 New York International Artists Piano Competition.