



NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

District Music Contest Outstanding Performance Award

Purpose: The Outstanding Performance Award is designed to recognize the top performers at District Music Contest in the solo and small ensemble categories. These are the students who demonstrate preparation and performance excellence beyond the standard of a Superior rating in skill and musicianship.

Process of Selection:

- ✦ This award will only be given to soloists and small ensembles (up to 24 members) that are adjudicated by a single judge. (Large ensembles adjudicated by a panel of judges will not be eligible.)
- ✦ Only one performance *per judge* may receive the Outstanding Performance Award regardless of the number and types of entries in that room.
- ✦ Each adjudicator will be given the opportunity to designate **one** performance as an “Outstanding Performance”. They **may** also nominate **up to two** additional performances as “Honorable Mention” in addition to the Outstanding Performance.
- ✦ Judges do not have to select an Outstanding Performance **unless they have given a perfect score on the contest ballot.**
- ✦ This award can be given to any instrument or voice category, class size or grade level of performer.
- ✦ Forms will be given to judges to assist them in tracking, selecting & then reporting the award recipients.
- ✦ The recipients of the Outstanding Performance and Honorable Mention Awards will be presented specially designed certificates in recognition of their performances.

Instructions to Judges:

- ✓ As you are judging throughout the day, please make a note of performances that you found especially impressive using the Adjudicator’s Tracking Form. Write down the performer’s name, total ballot points, school, performance time and literature performed. Consider the difficulty of the repertoire, skill of performer, musicianship and poise. The final column should reflect the award status when determined. These are the performers who go above and beyond the standards for a Superior rating on the ballot.
- ✓ **IMPORTANT: DO NOT HOLD ON TO YOUR ADJUDICATION BALLOTS TO TRACK THIS AWARD!**
You will be provided with tracking sheets to facilitate your decision.
- ✓ At the end of the day, transfer your choices on to the Outstanding Performance/Honorable Mention Award Reporting Form provided and give it to your site’s host director or their designee.
- ✓ If you give a perfect score (a “1” in every category on the ballot), you must name one performance as “Outstanding”. If you do not award a perfect score, you can choose not to give this award. Please note: performers do not have to achieve a perfect score to receive this award. **You may select only one Outstanding Performance and no more than two Honorable Mentions each day.**
- ✓ This award is not to be given to large ensembles (concert bands, orchestras, choirs, show choirs, etc.). It is for solos and small ensembles that are adjudicated by a single judge.



Adjudicator's Reporting Form*



NSAA Outstanding Performance/Honorable Mention Award

Adjudicator's Name _____

Contest Site _____

Outstanding Performance Award (only one given per judge)

Soloist Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

OR

Ensemble Type

(EX: Brass Quartet, Girls Trio, String Ensemble) _____

School: _____

Center/Room: _____ Performance Time: _____

Literature Performed: _____

Honorable Mention #1

Soloist Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

OR

Ensemble Type

(EX: Brass Quartet, Girls Trio, String Ensemble) _____

School: _____

Center/Room: _____ Performance Time: _____

Literature Performed: _____

Honorable Mention #2

Soloist Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

OR

Ensemble Type

(EX: Brass Quartet, Girls Trio, String Ensemble) _____

School: _____

Center/Room: _____ Performance Time: _____

Literature Performed: _____

RETURN THIS FORM ONLY TO YOUR CONTEST DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE.

**This form available in electronic version from NSAA*



Contest Director's Certificate Instructions



Make certain you have sent your list of Outstanding Performance Award and Honorable Mention students to the NSAA office. You can do this using the “**OPA Contest List to NSAA**” email form or the “**OPA Excel List to NSAA**” excel spreadsheet form as attachments. You were sent these forms as attachments before District Music Contest by the NSAA office. Send the completed forms ASAP after your event to bdahlstrom@nsaahome.org.

Each NSAA district has the option of completing the Outstanding Performance Award and Honorable Mention certificates at the contest site or after the event takes place. Your district music coordinator will provide this information for your site.

If the certificates are printed at the contest site and provided to the student recipient's school with their other contest materials when the event is completed, the contest director or contest administrative designee will print the certificates immediately. Instructions for doing this through the NSAA website follow:

- The contest director logs on to the NSAA website with their school and passcode.
- On the director's personal page under: District Music Contest Host and Coordinator Information select after the district site under “**Create NSAA District Music Contest Outstanding Performance Award Certificates:**”
- Follow the directions on the page to fill-in the information and preview the certificate. Remember to select the appropriate award: Outstanding Performance or Outstanding Performance Honorable Mention.
- When printing the certificates use a good quality paper and select the black & white or color versions whichever provides the best result.

- If you're using an Apple computer, the certificates may not print centered on the page. To remedy this do the following:
 1. Click on **File->Print**. A window opens up and under “**Copies & Pages**”, there is a field called “**Page Scaling**”. By default, it is set to “**Shrink to Printable Area**”.
 2. Select “**None**” and save or exit the window. The certificate should be centered now when printed.

If the certificates are to be printed after district music contest, the above directions still apply for whoever is responsible for printing the certificates. The on-line link needed to construct, preview and print each certificate will be made available on the designated person's NSAA personal music page.

The certificates should then be mailed to the appropriate school as soon as possible after district music contest for presentation to the students. Please take care in mailing the certificates in an appropriate way to protect them during transport. This is a new program for district music contest and will require some care and effort to ensure that students receive the correctly constructed award certificates in a timely way.

If you have questions contact your district music coordinator or Bud Dahlstrom at the NSAA executive office, (402) 489-0386.



OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

Student(s) Name(s)

High School

Director's Name

FOR YOUR PERFORMANCE AT NSAA DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST

(instrumental/vocal--solo/ensemble)

(Location of Contest Site)

NSAA Executive Director

Date



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OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AWARD

HONORABLE MENTION

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