



## 2023 Merit Award Audition Policies

### *Merit Award Categories:*

#### **Piano Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place “Martha B. Buckey Piano Scholarship”- \$250 tuition waiver per semester for the upcoming year  
*Student is required to register for a minimum of twelve 45-minute lessons for the upcoming year.*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place piano and instrumental - \$110 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place piano and instrumental - \$85 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year

#### **Instrumental Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place instrumental - \$165 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place instrumental - \$110 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place instrumental - \$85 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year

#### **Voice Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place “The Margaret Weeks Voice Award” - \$250 tuition waiver per semester  
*Student is required to register for a minimum of twelve 45-minute lessons for the upcoming year.*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Voice - \$110 tuition waiver per semester for the upcoming year.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Voice - \$85 tuition waiver per semester for the upcoming year.

**The Benjamin A. Rhine Award** is presented to a student who auditions on at least one instrument and displays proficiency on more than one instrument at CVSM. It is a tuition waiver for ½ the cost of a 30-minute lesson per semester. *Student must continue to study at least two instruments at CVSM in the upcoming year to receive the tuition waiver.*

Specific policies for these awards are listed on the next page.

- **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Intent Form is due to the Program Manager**  
*Informs the Program Manager of the intent to audition; appropriate judges will be arranged*
- **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Repertoire Form & Music are due to the Program Manager**  
*Teacher recommendation and selection of pieces/songs  
Copies of each selection (not necessary to include accompaniment). No photos please.*

#### **Audition Dates:**

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – Vocal Auditions**

**Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – Instrumental Auditions**

**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 PM – Piano Auditions**

*The Auditions will be in recital format. Winners will be announced within a week after auditions.*

For more information contact Heather Kline, CVSM Program Manager  
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## Merit Scholarship Audition Policies

- Applicants are expected to:
  - perform **one selection**, 3-5 minutes in length. Pianists and vocalists should have the piece **memorized**. All material should be chosen to display the student's strengths, both technically and musically. Works totaling more than 5 minutes may be prepared, although only a portion fitting the time requirement should be performed at the audition.
  - play **scale(s)** (2 octaves) if performing on piano or an instrument. Students should prepare the scale in the key of the piece they are performing.
  - **dress professionally for the audition.** Boys should wear dress slacks, a long sleeve shirt, a tie, socks and dress shoes; a sport coat or suit is optional. Girls should wear a dress, or a skirt & a blouse, or dress pants & a blouse, with dress shoes.
  - accept **the decision of the judges** as final. The decision will be made known to all applicants through an email in the days immediately following the audition. All applicants will receive a copy of the judges' evaluations.
  - **arrange for an accompanist.** It is appropriate to pay an accompanist\* for their time and skill. Instrumentalists may choose to perform unaccompanied.
  
- Winners of the competition are expected to:
  - participate in a fall student recital and participate in Performathon. Winners MAY be asked to represent CVSM as a performer at a community event.
  - include the name of the award in publications, i.e. school plays, Community Theater, newspaper articles, etc. An example would be, "*Winner of the CVSM 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Piano Merit Award.*"
  - be evaluated periodically.
  - register for two full semesters for the upcoming academic year (a minimum of 12 lessons each semester), attend regularly scheduled lessons, practice consistently, and demonstrate reasonable progress.

***If the winner does not meet obligations outlined in this contract, he/she will be considered in default and the prize will be given to the next ranked contestant.***

CVSM faculty accompanist rates:

\$25- 1 rehearsal prior to audition day (not to exceed 30 minutes) + 1 run-through audition day + audition

\$40- 2 rehearsals prior to audition day (not to exceed 30 minutes each) + 1 run through audition day + audition

*CVSM currently has a grant available to pay for \$10 of the fee for CVSM accompanists. The accompanist will complete the grant form; the family is responsible for paying the difference directly to the accompanist.*