



2026 Merit Award Auditions Application

Merit Award Categories:

Piano Awards

- 1st 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.
- 2nd place piano and instrumental - \$110 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year
- 3rd place piano and instrumental - \$85 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year

Instrumental Awards

- 1st place "Maj Britt Kaal Instrumental Scholarship" - \$250 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year
Student is required to register for a minimum of twelve 45-minute lessons for the upcoming year.
- 2nd place instrumental - \$110 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year
- 3rd place instrumental - \$85 tuition waiver per semester for upcoming year

Voice Awards

- 1st 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.
- 2nd Place Voice - \$110 tuition waiver per semester for the upcoming year.
- 3rd 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, February 2nd – Intent Form is due to the Program Manager**
Informs the Program Manager of the intent to audition; appropriate judges will be arranged
- **Monday, March 9th – 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:

All to be held in Thomson Alumnae Chapel on Wilson College Campus

Tues., April 14 @ 6:30 PM – Instrumental Auditions

Thurs., April 16 @ 6:30 PM – Vocal Auditions

Wed., April 22 @ 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
717-261-1220 option 5 or heather@cvsmusic.org

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.** Appropriate options include dress slacks, a long-sleeved shirt, a blouse, a tie, a sport coat or suit, a dress, a skirt & a blouse, and 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 2025 2nd 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, they will be considered in default and the prize will be given to the next ranked contestant.

CVSM faculty accompanist rates for merit auditions:

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

\$45- 2 rehearsals prior to audition day (not to exceed 30 minutes each) + 1 run through audition day + audition

Cumberland Valley School of Music Merit Award Audition

REPERTOIRE FORM

*This form is due in the CVSM Office by **March 9th***

This portion to be completed by student:

Student Name _____

With which CVSM instructor do you currently study? _____

How long have you studied with this instructor? _____

What length of lesson are you now taking? ___30 ___45 ___60 ___other

Do you take another private lesson at CVSM? ___ With whom? _____

The following questions may be answered on an additional piece of paper if necessary:

List representative repertoire and indicate those from this past year's study.

(No more than 6 pieces listed are necessary.)

List extra-curricular musical activities and honors received. School, church, Community Theater, district band, chorus, orchestra, etc. *(Your bio will be constructed from this information should you be chosen to perform in the CVSM Showcase Concert.)*

Name of parents _____

Grade in school _____ School attending: _____

This portion to be completed by CVSM Instructor:

Student Name _____

List the piece the student will perform at the audition. Please write it in the way it should appear in the program including "opus," "K," etc. ***Please provide copies of the music with this form. A panel of musicians will determine the level of difficulty.***

TITLE: _____ Composer: _____

If this piece is from a larger work please provide title: _____

Number of semesters this student has studied with you? _____

Does this student attend lessons consistently? _____

Have they had any "unexcused" absences? _____

Does this student diligently work on assignments? Please check the one that applies:

always most frequently sometimes rarely

Does this student readily accept and attempt to apply any directions you suggest? _____ If no, explain.

Are there any situations or special circumstances which should be considered when we evaluate the student? If yes, please explain.

Your signature verifies that you recommend this student as a Merit Scholarship applicant, that you understand the Merit Award Policies, and that you will prepare your student to comply with all policies.

Instructor signature

