



Music Teachers' Association of California - Los Angeles County Branch

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Music Olympiad ~ Festival for Pianists

Schedule:

Category I, II, III: Saturday, December 5, 2026

Category IV, V, VI: Sunday afternoon, December 6, 2026

Please Note:

Category IV may be scheduled on **Saturday, December 5**, depending on the number of participants. If Category IV is moved to Saturday, it will be the first category of the day, beginning at approximately 9:00 AM

Location:

Church of Glory (3017 W Valley Blvd, Alhambra, CA 91803)

Teacher & Student Rules:

- Applicant must be a student of an active teacher, provisional, Cal plan, or student member in the Los Angeles County Branch.
- Teachers must be present at their students' program and are expected to help monitor if more than 6 students are submitted in all categories combined.
- Students enter the Festival according to their age as of December 5, 2026 for all categories.
- Six categories are now offered with age groups divided two years apart. Students may participate every year.

Music Selection:

- Applicants must choose only one piece of music from any music period listed on the CM syllabus that the same applicant has not performed in previous years. If the music is from a Sonata, select only one movement to perform.
- Original music score with measures numbered must be provided to judges. Photocopies are not allowed.
- Music is to be performed by memory. All judges' decisions are final, with no exceptions!

Awards:

- The top 30% of student participants in each category will be awarded a gold medal, the next 30% will receive a silver medal, and the remaining 40% will receive a bronze medal.
- **President Award:** The top scorer of each category will be awarded a grand prize trophy. Awards will be given directly to the teachers. All qualified participants will receive a certificate and a medallion.
- A student will receive an INCOMPLETE rating by the judges if one or more of the following apply:
The music piece is not memorized; Incomplete performance of the music piece.

Application Guidelines:

- Online registration period: November 7 – 21 at mtaclacounty.org. Complete the application form and submit the fee online, on or before November 21, 2026 at 11:59 PM. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Parents must upload students' proof of age document online (e.g., birth certificate, passport, or driver's license).
- Parents & Teachers must review and sign the MTAC Recording & Attendance Policy for each applicant.
- All fees are non-refundable.

Categories	Age	Time Limit	Application Fees
Category I	6 & Under	3 minutes	\$50
Category II	7 - 8	3 minutes	\$50
Category III	9 - 10	5 minutes	\$50
Category IV	11 - 12	5 minutes	\$55
Category V	13 - 14	7 minutes	\$55
Category VI	15 & Up	7 minutes	\$55

For additional policy and Jotform questions, please follow the Line of Communication protocol:

Parents and Students ➡ Teacher ➡ Event Chair ➡ Branch President