



CAP NATS STUDENT AUDITIONS GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Auditions are held **ONLINE ONLY**. Entries are submitted videos of students singing their Audition selections to *live or recorded PIANO accompaniment*. **NO ORCHESTRAL ACCOMPANIMENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR USE.** (exceptions are made for the Commercial Music Category ONLY).
2. For **COMMERCIAL MUSIC CATEGORIES:**
Commercial music includes all genres of vocal music performed by recording artists, not included in the classical and musical theatre NATS Student Auditions categories. Commercial music includes bluegrass, blues, contemporary Christian, country, folk, gospel, jazz, pop, rap, rock, rhythm and blues (R&B), soul, and all ethnic music, etc. *Original compositions may also be performed in this category.*

You may be accompanied or self-accompany with a single instrument.

FOR CAP NATS STUDENT AUDITIONS ONLY: YOU DO NOT NEED TO RECORD YOUR AUDITION ENTRY VIDEO USING AMPLIFICATION AND/OR MICROPHONE.

IF YOU SO CHOOSE TO ENTER THE NENATS STUDENT AUDITIONS, YOU MUST ENSURE TO FOLLOW THEIR COMMERCIAL MUSIC ENTRY RULES, WHICH INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Video/audio must only be recorded as if at a live audition with a single feed recording microphone. No looped vocals or double feed audio is acceptable. You MAY use a microphone when recording vocals (as if performing at an open mic night).
- You MAY record with a karaoke track (with no backing vocals) playing on a portable speaker or speaker system.
- No band set-ups or multiple live instruments can be used.

Follow the ***Video Guidelines*** when creating Audition Videos with your Students.

Here are some excellent ***Self Tape Dos and Don'ts***:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyhwMZwohbo>

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Nothing in your Student's videos can identify who their teacher is or where they are attending School. Videos should be posted to your Student's YouTube page - not the teachers - before loading the links into the Audition Registration System.

A student may submit videos for ***up to three (3) Categories***.

DEADLINE: Sunday, February 8, 2026 by 11:59PM Atlantic Standard Time

High School Categories are divided into Upper & Lower for both Treble and TBB voices! Lower HS Classical and Musical Theater is for ***High School Grades 9 & 10*** and Upper HS Classical and Musical Theater is for ***High School Grades 11 & 12***.