

Terrace Hill Endowment for the Musical Arts Senior Competition Requirements

Up to six students (provided eligibility and repertoire requirements are met) will be selected to compete at Terrace Hill, the Iowa Governor's Residence in Des Moines, Iowa on Saturday afternoon, March 29, 2025. (Note the change in competition location from previous years.)

Eligibility: All applicants must be in grade 12 in an Iowa high school or be Iowa residents with equivalent home-school status.

Repertoire Requirements: All selections must be performed from memory. Each applicant's program must be **15-18 minutes in length** and consist of solo repertoire from at least three different stylistic periods. Applicants not meeting these requirements, including the specified program length, will be disqualified. No changes in repertoire are allowed following submission of the application.

Application:

Teachers should submit the official online entry form provided at terracehill.iowa.gov/thema along with an entry fee of \$50, payable to THEMA. The entry form and fee must be submitted online by the application deadline of 11:59 pm CT on Monday, February 24, 2025. The online application form will become available at 8:00 am CT on Monday, February 10, 2025.

- Repertoire listings should be as complete as possible, including keys, opus numbers, movement numbers, and names, and will be printed in the competition program as listed on the application.
- Application forms and entry fees must be submitted online at terracehill.iowa.gov/thema. The online application form will be available on the THEMA website beginning on Monday, February 10, and must be submitted by 11:59 pm CT on Monday, February 24, 2025 to be considered.
- All application submissions are to be made by the applicant's teacher. If submitting applications for multiple students, the teacher will rank students in order of preference of acceptance. Note: It is recommended that teachers rank students higher who are considering continuing their music education in Iowa.
- All qualified applications that are submitted by the application deadline will be considered. The THEMA board selection committee will randomly select up to six qualified students to compete in the junior competition. Each teacher who submits student applicants will have an equal number of students randomly selected to compete. If more than six teachers submit student applicants, the THEMA board selection committee will use a lottery system to randomly select the six teachers who will have a student selected to compete. If fewer than six teachers submit student applicants, the THEMA board selection committee will use a lottery system to randomly select teachers who will have an additional student selected to compete.
- The six approved applicants will be sent a confirmation of their participation no later than February 28, 2025. All others will be notified on the same date and have their entry fees refunded.
- By sending in this application form, the applicant gives the Terrace Hill Endowment for Musical Arts permission to use their name, image, or likeness, with or without using their name, for other purposes deemed appropriate by THEMA in its reasonable discretion, except to the extent expressly prohibited by law. The applicant agrees to appear in any recording or broadcast produced by Iowa PBS of the Terrace Hill Piano Competition.

Scholarships: Winner, second-place, and third-place will each be awarded a scholarship over a two-year period to enroll as a piano major or minor (piano lessons and at least one music class for a minimum of three semesters) at any Iowa college or university, with the winner receiving "The First Family of Iowa Scholarship." Scholarship amounts for 2025 are: winner, \$4,000; second-place, \$2,000; third-place, \$1,000. Any of the scholarship winners may be invited to perform at future Terrace Hill events.

Dates to Remember in 2025:

February 10, 8:00 am CT	Application form opens at terracehill.iowa.gov/thema
February 24, 11:59 pm CT	Deadline to submit application form and entry fee
February 28	Notification of selected students
March 29, afternoon	Senior Piano Competition held at Terrace Hill

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