

Mississippi ACDA High School Solo & Ensemble Contest Regulations

1. Eligibility:

- Students entering solos or ensembles must be in grades 9-12 and the director must be a member of Mississippi ACDA.

2. Event categories:

- Solo - Treble, Tenor-Bass, Piano
- Small Ensemble: 1-2 persons per part
- Medium Ensemble: 11-24 members, 1-8 persons per part

3. Event classifications:

- Class III or EASY - Grade 9 ONLY
- Class II or Medium - Grades 9-12
- Class I or Difficult - Grades 9-12

4. Entry forms required:

- Master Roster (Form 1) listing:
 - All soloist in alphabetical order;
 - All ensembles, grouped by ensemble, members listed in alphabetical order.
- Critique sheet (Form 2 and Form 3) for each entry - solo, small ensemble, medium ensemble - with song title listed. Music selections cannot be changed.

5. Entry fee: \$5.00 per student per entry

6. Entry deadline: Master Roster, Critique sheets, Check or Purchase Order must always be **postmarked no later than October 1.**

7. Music selection and requirements:

- **Solo: one selection** from the current *Texas Prescribed Music List: Treble Voice Solos and Tenor-Bass Voice Solos, and Piano Solos.*
 - The judge must have the original score with measures numbered.
 - A soloist cannot repeat a solo previously performed. When a rating of superior is given, the student must compete the next year at a higher level (Class III to Class II to Class I, remaining at Class I).
 - Vocal solos may be sung in any key, publisher or transposed.
 - Songs with titles listed in a foreign language must be sung in that language.
 - Songs with titles listed in English may also be sung in another published language.
 - Standard vocal repertoire editions may be substituted for any literature of the same title and composer appearing on the list.
 - All selections must be accompanied except those designated for unaccompanied voices.
- **Small ensemble: one selection** from the current *Texas Prescribed Music List: Treble Small Ensembles, Tenor-Bass Small Ensembles and Madrigals* or the current *Mississippi Prescribed Music List: Sextet, Quartet and Madrigals and Mixed Ensembles, from the Easy, Medium, Difficult list.*
 - The judge must have the original score with measures numbered.
 - In emergency situations, the director may substitute another student for an ensemble member after the entry has been submitted.
 - All selections must be accompanied except those designated for unaccompanied voices.
- **Medium ensemble (Treble, Tenor-Bass, Mixed Chamber, or Vocal Jazz):** from any source, provided that:
 - the judge must have the original score with measures numbered;
 - the selections were not performed by the choir in the prior District MHSAA contest;
 - the selections were not performed by an ensemble from the same school in the prior year;
 - the selections are not also being performed in a small ensemble.

8. Ratings. Each solo and ensemble will receive a rating. Superior ratings will receive a medal:

- Class III (Easy) - White
- Class II (Medium) - Red
- Class I (Difficult) - Blue
- Medium Ensemble - Striped

9. Contest Dates: Always the last Saturday in October.