

ESSEX YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Please read the following Conditions of Entry with great care.
Proceeding with your entry will be taken as your acceptance of them.

1. The competition is open to singers and instrumentalists (not organists due to the lack of a suitable instrument). Only one entry is permitted per person each year.
2. Entrants must have their home address in Essex, or attend school or college in Essex, or have been born in Essex. This includes the old Essex towns of Ilford, Wanstead and Woodford, and villages or towns which straddle the Essex border and which have an Essex based postcode.
Proof is required.
3. Entrants must be 28 or under, on the 3th July 2022.
4. An entry fee of £45 is payable. This is only refundable in exceptional circumstances.
5. Entrants should be of at least Grade 7–8 standard or equivalent, and must submit signed and dated testimonials from two music professionals, written specifically for this year's competition. Under 18 applicants may submit one from their school Head Teacher/Head of Music. The references must be sent directly by the referee to the email address below.
6. The last date for entries is the 17th June 2022. Entries will be accepted in order of submission.
7. Previous First Prize winners of the competition are not eligible to enter.
8. Timings and complete descriptions (including opus or catalogue numbers) of all works to be played must be clearly and accurately stated on the entry form. Where individual extracts, movements, arias or songs are performed, it should be shown clearly from which work or opera they are taken. The competition reserves the right to request re-submission of a competitor's programme if this requirement is not strictly observed.
9. Strict timekeeping will be enforced in all stages of the competition and competitors who are not ready to perform at their appointed time in the competition programme, may be disqualified.
10. Candidates are expected to dress smartly for all stages of the competition. Finalists and their accompanying pianist will be required to wear evening dress. If gentlemen do not have access to a dinner suit, they must wear a smart suit and tie.
11. Candidates must perform at least one complete piece or movement from memory during the Final Round of the competition.
12. The Competition cannot legally allow anyone to perform from photocopies or computer printouts and has no choice but to disqualify performers if they or their accompanying pianists do so, unless, before their performance starts, they can produce written evidence to the administrator to show that the publisher's agreement has been sought and granted.
Performances from iPads and other electronic devices will **not be allowed** in any circumstances.
13. Competitors must provide the judges with **complete scores** of all music to be played — not just an instrumental or vocal line. For this purpose only, photocopies will be accepted, but these will be retained after the competition and destroyed by the administrator.
14. If candidates cannot find their own accompanying pianist, then they can request to perform with the official pianist. The Competition will make a standard charge of £50 for rehearsal and performance on one day. This must be paid to Ongar Music Club by the 25th June 2022.
If additional rehearsal time is arranged with the official pianist prior to the day of the competition, a fee must be negotiated with, and paid directly to, the official pianist.
15. The use of recording apparatus, either audio or video, in the Final is illegal and strictly prohibited. Candidates should ensure that their family and friends in the audience are aware of this. Photography is prohibited.
16. The judges reserve the right to withhold the award of any prizes. In all matters relating to the competition, the decision of the Judging Panel and the Administration is final.
17. Ongar Music Club and the Essex Young Musician of the Year administration reserve the right to cancel the competition, of preliminary round of the competition, if there is deemed to be insufficient support to make it viable.