

## *MSMTA Elementary Distinguished Music Achievement Award*

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This award is for elementary school students and is designed to honor distinguished participation in MSMTA events accumulated during a student's 1st through 5th grades. This award will encourage and motivate the younger students to participate in our activities and continue their piano studies to reach their goal.

**Deadlines:** Documentation and application form may be sent at any time during the student's fifth grade, but no later than June 1, 2017. Plan at least one month from the time of application to receive the plaque.

**Award:** An engraved plaque with medallion from MSMTA. Plaques will be sent directly to the teacher for presentation to the student.

**Requirements:** A **fifth grade student** in the 2016-2017 school year must have earned at least **350** points from no fewer than **four** different MSMTA events listed on the application form during first through fifth grades only.

Participation in the following four events is required:

- (1) Keyboard Musicianship Exam\* for two separate years – may earn up to 50 points each year.
- (2) Theory Test Program for two separate years – may earn up to 50 points each year.
- (3) Two separate performances in Local Association recitals or competitions –one per year; 30 points each.
- (4) A school or community music program involving one performance, instrumental or choral – 30 points.

Additional events may be any of MSMTA's other student activities as needed for points. In order to earn 350 points, student will need to participate in events more often than the minimum needed to qualify.

**Eligibility:** The MSMTA Elementary Distinguished Music Achievement Award is open to students of any instrument. Events entered and/or won during, but not prior to, the 2010-2011 academic year will qualify for this award. In the case of the Keyboard Musicianship and Theory, students may not duplicate levels or modules.

**Application:** Application form should be sent to the chair with photocopied documentation (i.e., critiques with the grade and signature of the judges, tests with scores, etc.) for all events. Do not send program listings. Documentation will not be returned.

Mail to:

**Claudette Horwitz, 5004 Barkwood Place, Rockville, MD 20853**

**NOTE:** E-DMA points are awarded according to the chart below.

### **Points for Performance Events**

<b>Superior</b>	<b>50 points</b>
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>40 points</b>
<b>Very Good</b>	<b>30 points</b>
<b>Good</b>	<b>20 points</b>
<b>Fair</b>	<b>10 points</b>

\*If the student's instrument is other than the piano, participation in Strings Plus, String Solo, or the Chamber Music competition may be substituted for the Keyboard Musicianship Exam requirement.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please contact the DMA Chair, or the Vice President of Student Activities.

# MSMTA Elementary Distinguished Music Achievement Award Application Form

CLAUDETTE HORWITZ, 5004 Barkwood Place, Rockville, MD 20853

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please refer to the point systems found in the SA Handbook (pp. 38 and 58) when filling out this application.

**Note: In events with multiple judges, only one critique sheet needs to be sent with this application. (Gottlieb, Chase, Concerto, etc.)**

Required Events	Grade 1 2012- 2013	Grade 2 2013- 2014	Grade 3 2014- 2015	Grade 4 2015- 2016	Grade 5 2016- 2017
Keyboard Musicianship Exam (or Strings Plus, String Solo, or the Chamber Music competition for non-pianists) – 2 years required.					
Theory Testing Program: maximum of 2 tests per year – 2 years required.					
Local Association Events – 30 pts. Each. 2 years required					
School or Community Event – 1 required – 30 pts (Nursing home recitals with documentation qualify).					
OTHER MSMTA EVENTS – list events entered on lines below					

**I certify that this student has earned 350 points through his/her participation in at least four of the events listed above. Documentation is enclosed.**

**Teacher's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_