

## MSMTA Guidelines for Active Membership By Audition

Music Teachers wishing to join MSMTA who do not have a Bachelor's degree in music or Provisional members of MSMTA wishing to qualify for Active Membership may do so by requesting membership by audition. This requirement also applies to teachers holding degrees in music education, musicology, composition, theory, or other non-instrumental fields who wish to be listed in the MSMTA online directory as teachers of a specific instrument.

The students selected to audition by the music teacher must demonstrate to the jury evidence of sound, competent teaching. The pieces chosen should allow the students to demonstrate accuracy of note reading, correct rhythm, basic dynamic changes from piano to forte, crescendo and diminuendo, legato and staccato, and a variety of tempi and keys.

Please prepare to meet the following requirements:

1. Each of the three students who are selected for this audition as representative of a teacher's class shall have studied with that teacher for at least nine months.
2. Only one of the three students may be a transfer student.
3. Each student will perform three pieces from memory where it is standard performance practice to do so, such as pianists, vocalists, and certain other unaccompanied solo literature.
4. It is recommended that one student should perform at least at the intermediate level. Elementary students will play three pieces of no less than 12 measures, and a one-octave scale. (Pianists also include the I-V-I cadence. The scale and cadence may be hands alone or together.)
5. Students above the elementary level shall perform three pieces chosen from three of the following periods: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, or Contemporary; and perform a two-octave scale for each piece. (Pianists also include the I-IV-V7-I cadence. The scales and cadences may be hands alone or together.)
6. All compositions performed must be original. No arrangements or simplified versions are permitted.
7. Auditions may be completed by video submission.

Teachers interested in further pursuing this audition process should contact the Vice President for Membership to arrange for an appointment.