

2026 YOUNG PIANISTS' COMPETITION

Information Sheet

PURPOSE: To encourage excellence in performance amongst elementary, junior high, and high school students.

CATEGORIES:

Elementary I	School Grades	3 and 4
Elementary II	School Grades	5 and 6
Junior High	School Grades	7 and 8
High School I	School Grades	9 and 10
High School II	School Grades	11 and 12

AWARDS:

Elementary I & II	1st Prize Award of \$50 and Trophy 2nd Prize Award of \$25 and Trophy
Junior High	1st Prize Award of \$75 and Trophy 2nd Prize Award of \$50 and Trophy
High School I	1st Prize Award of \$100 and Trophy 2nd Prize Award of \$75 and Trophy
High School II	1st Prize Award of \$150 and Trophy 2nd Prize Award of \$100 and Trophy

***** Judges may add a 3rd prize award at their discretion *****

ALL PRIZE WINNERS WILL PERFORM ON THE PRIZE-WINNERS'
RECITAL ON SUNDAY EARLY EVENING, April 26, 2026

DATES:

March 12, 2026	Postmark Deadline for Application (email preferred)
April 12, 2026	Competition - Held at Immanuel Lutheran Church 5455 Alessandro Blvd, Riverside, 92506
April 26, 2026	Prize-Winners' Recital - Held at Corona SDA Church 2550 S. Main Street, Corona, 92882

REQUIREMENTS:

Each teacher may enter up to ten students in the Riverside Young Pianists' Competition.

Applicant must be a student of a teacher who is an active member of the Riverside MTAC Branch.

Applicant must have studied with present teacher since the Fall Term, 2025.

Student applicant may not perform a piece that he or she has previously performed at a Riverside Young Pianists' Competition.

REPERTOIRE:

All students are required to play two pieces only from two different periods. Maximum time limits are as follows and will be strictly enforced:

Elementary I & II	5 minutes
Junior High	10 minutes
High School I and II	12 minutes

JUDGING:

Applicants must provide original copies of their music for the judges. Students presenting photocopies will be disqualified.

ALL MUSIC MUST BE PERFORMED BY MEMORY.

The decision of the judges is final. Judges reserve the right to not award a prize if they feel an acceptable level of performance is not reached.

APPLICATION and FEE:

Elementary I & II	\$25
Junior High	\$30
High School I and II	\$35

Application form can be downloaded from the mtacriverside.org website. Application fee is non-refundable. Preferred method of payment is via Zelle at ***mtacriverside@gmail.com*** or teachers can send ONE check payable to *Riverside MTAC* by the postmark deadline — ***March 12, 2026***. Application forms can be sent via email (preferred method) to LNRESR@GMAIL.COM or in mail form to: Linette Rodríguez, 11879 Dellvale Place, Riverside, CA 92505.