

24/25 MTVA Elementary Honors

Audition Submission Instructions

You must register your students for the event on the MTVA website no later than
September 27th, 2024.

Payment and invoice must be postmarked by **October 4th, 2024.**

All auditions must be emailed to MTVAElementaryHonors@gmail.com by
November 1st, 2024.

Any questions regarding this process can be directed to Madison Smith at
madison.smith@sumnerschools.org.

1. Record Your Auditions

- “America” (My Country ‘tis of Thee)
 - Key of G
 - Starting Pitch: G4
 - I can provide a recording of me saying “Audition number, starting pitch (G4)” if you need that. • Students will just say their number after I say “Audition number.”
- On your recording, you should hear the following ONLY:
 - Student saying their STUDENT AUDITION NUMBER (which is assigned upon submitting registration)
 - Starting pitch (G4) of “America” played by an instrument (CANNOT be sung)
 - *NOTE* Recorders do not always provide accurate pitches. Use an instrument that will always provide an accurate pitch. (Suggestion: Piano)
 - Student singing through the entire song at the same tempo
 - Students must complete the whole piece without help from the teacher.

If you do not already have a preferred recording software, www.audacity.com has a free download that is easy to understand and use. Voice Memos on the iPhone also work just fine.

Please be sure you are not giving cues to students during these auditions. (ex. Breathing with the student, counting the student in, keeping time for the student, etc.) Audition submissions in which a teacher can be heard assisting will be **AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED**.

2. Name Your Files Correctly

- Save all MP3 files in this format:
 - Elem.school#.student#
 - Ex. Elem.7.2 is the format for a student auditioning with the Unique ID/School Number 7, Student Number 2.
 - Please be advised that variations from these procedures are grounds for disqualification.
 - When you send in your auditions via email, please provide your student list with numbers given to you at the time of registration as another means to ensure clarity.

3. Pre-screen Your Recordings

- As a professional, listen to all of your recordings and make cuts as necessary.
- Please cut students who have major pitch issues, do not know the audition piece, etc.
- Cut any students you know won't be able to attend
- There will be no change in registration fees if cuts are made after registration.
- If you make cuts, please **DO NOT** re-number students. Students must keep the number they were given at the time of registration.

4. Send your auditions to us by way of email to MTVAElementaryHonors@gmail.com (DEADLINE: November 1st):

Judges will be chosen based on experience. How recently a director has judged this event will be considered when choosing judges.

Selected judges will go online and listen to each audition. They will score them using an online rubric just as they would use a score card. We will use Google Files for this, so all the information will be compiled in the same place. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to email me at madison.smith@sumnerschools.org