

NATS Central Region announces 2022 student auditions

Auditions will be held in two formats:

- Children, Youth, and High School categories (1 through 4 and AS3) will be held virtually
- College and older categories (5 through 12 and AS7 & AS9) will be held in person

Information on all categories <u>eligible for National Student Auditions</u> (high school age through graduate/doctoral student divisions). Information on <u>all other categories</u> (pre-high school, avocational). Information on the <u>American Negro Spiritual category</u> (for high school age and older).

Schedule

Registration for all categories will open in mid-September. Watch your email for the announcement!

Children, Youth, and High School (categories1 through 4 and AS3) **video submission deadline is November 15, 2022.** Adjudication of first and second round will be complete in mid-December, with the prize announcement on December 21.

In-person adjudication (categories 5 through 12 and AS7 & AS9) will have a firm **entry deadline of Tuesday October 11** at 11.59 p.m. First day of in-person adjudication is **Friday, October 21.** Second and final rounds are on **Saturday, October 22.**

The in-person Central Region conference is hosted by **Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois,** Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 2022.

Notes

Hotel information for the in-person conference will be posted in mid-September.

Teachers will only pay one registration fee, even if entering students in on-line and in-person auditions.

Registration fee for teachers, and entry fee per student for auditions, is \$40. Teachers may enter students in all categories for which the student is prepared (for instance, a student may be in both a CL and an MT category, with payment of entry fee for each category).

Prize amounts range from first-place awards of \$300 (category 12) to \$150 for the children/youth/high-school categories, with the smallest award for third place set at \$50.

Olivet Nazarene University, our host site, has a mask-optional policy. Because of the continued threat of COVID, all participants in the conference are encouraged to wear protective masks when attending events and in common areas. We are of course bound by any changes our host institution may make which could include masking or vaccination requirements should any significant changes in COVID-19 levels occur.

Much more detail is forthcoming in email and very soon on the Central Region website, <u>http://www.centralregionnats.org/</u> (currently under renovation!).

Pressing questions right now? Email <u>central@nats.org</u>.