



Betsy Schnell Piano Award Requirements 2026

Each spring the *Foundation for the Promotion of Music* has auditions for the **Betsy Schnell Piano Award**. The competition is open to students in Alachua and contiguous counties. Two monetary prizes are awarded----one for middle school at \$150 and one for high school at \$250. This is an award for piano soloists.

1. Middle School students are required to perform a memorized program (minimum of 8 min., maximum of 12 min.) representing at least 2 different periods of music.
2. High School students are required to perform a memorized program (minimum of 13 min., maximum of 20 min.) representing at least 3 different periods of music. Piano concertos are not allowed.

Each student must bring music for the judges use--clean and measures numbered.

Photocopies are not permitted. Please time music accurately and indicate times on the composition list. There is no entry fee. **Application forms must be in by April 4, 2026.** **Students applying for this award must have studied with the same teacher for at least the last 6 months.**

Note: Previous winners may not compete at the same level a second time.

The **auditions** will take place on **Saturday, April 11, 2026**, at Holy Faith Catholic Church, 747 NW 43rd St., Gainesville, FL 32607. The winners will play in a **recital** on **Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 2:00pm** at the Thomas Center, 302 NE 6th Ave, Gainesville, FL.

Send completed audition form to:
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