

# Video Submission Guidelines

## 2026 Application

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### General Instructions

Submit video recordings that demonstrate your playing ability for the Talent Development Program application. Videos may be previously recorded but must be less than one year old. Your recordings may be accompanied or unaccompanied.

You may submit up to three separate videos via unlisted YouTube links.

Total playing time: No more than 10 minutes across all videos.

### What to Include in Your Video(s)

**Verbal Introduction** (*Required at the start of each video - unless using a prerecorded video without an introduction*)

- State your full name clearly.
- Announce the title of the piece (or scales) you will perform in that video.

### **Scales** (*all scales should be performed in one video*), 1 Video

- Perform the maximum number of major and minor scales you know.
- Use the rhythms, ranges, and articulations you are most comfortable with.

### **Solo/Etude Selection(s)**, 1-2 Videos

- Perform at least one piece (etude or solo work - no band or orchestra class pieces).
- Two contrasting pieces are preferred.
- Choose music that shows your best playing.

### File Naming Instructions

Before uploading your videos to YouTube, save each file using this format:

Lastname\_Firstname\_scales - for your scale recording

Lastname\_Firstname\_technical - for a technical etude or faster piece

Lastname\_Firstname\_lyrical - for a lyrical or slower piece

Example:

Smith\_Avery\_scales

Smith\_Avery\_technical

Smith\_Avery\_lyrical

### Recording Tips

- Location: Choose a quiet space with good lighting.
- Setup: Position the camera so your full instrument and posture are visible.
- Sound check: Play a few notes to check volume and microphone placement before recording.
- Timing: Keep the total length of all videos to 10 minutes or less.

### How to Upload Your Videos to YouTube

1. Record your video(s) using your phone, tablet, or camera.
2. Save the file(s) using the naming format above.
3. Upload to YouTube:
  - Sign in to YouTube.
  - Click the camera icon (Create -> Upload Video).
  - Select your file.
  - Set the video to Unlisted (only people with the link can view it).
4. Copy your video link(s) and paste them into the application form.