

# ACT-SO GUIDELINES

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## MUSIC COMPOSITION

1. Only **one (1) composition**, with **six (6) copies**, should be submitted.
2. Composition must be **neatly and precisely written on standard paper** used by composers in such a manner that **any trained musician could perform the composition.**
3. Contestant's **name and borough** must appear at the top of each page.
4. Composition must be an **original work** of the contestant.
5. Composition must be accompanied by a **notarized statement** confirming originality and identify the composer.
6. Contestants must be **prepared to play their compositions** if requested by judges.  
**A piano will be the only instrument provided.**
7. Composition **must not exceed five (5) minutes.**

## JUDGING CRITERIA

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Sense                         | <b>20 Points</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strength of Melodic Line               | <b>20 Points</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of Harmonic/Rhythmic Body | <b>20 Points</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form                                   | <b>20 Points</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Theory                          | <b>20 Points</b> |
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|   | <b>100 Total</b> |