

# Scott County Solo & Ensemble Festival

## Composition Contest

### 2026 Composition Guidelines

- Each student may submit only one composition (piece of music) to be judged.
- The piece should be an instrumental work (no vocal pieces).
- The piece should be original (not a transcription or arrangement).
- The piece must be a minimum of 16 measures.
- The piece can be presented to a judge at the 2026 Solo & Ensemble Festival or submitted electronically.
- Performance of the piece is encouraged but not required.
- Handwritten or computer notation is acceptable, but legibility is required. Band directors may help with computer notation. **The piece must be notated with traditional notation to be judged (tab / alternative notation / scribbles on a napkin / etc. are not acceptable).**

### Scoring

Each composition that is presented to be judged will receive one of the following ratings:

- **Medal** - Composition meets all of the above guidelines.
- **Medal with Distinction** - Composition meets all of the above guidelines but also shows particular promise by means of attention to detail, creative expression, or exceptional musicality.
- **Compositions that do not meet the above “Composition Guidelines” will not receive a medal** (example: less than the minimum number of measures).

One composition will be selected for a **Judge’s Choice Award** after all compositions have been judged. For 2026, a Judge’s Choice may be chosen for the in-person presentations as well as a second award for the electronically submitted pieces.

### Fees / Registration

Registration fee is \$3.00 per submission. There is no school fee for this contest. Band directors should register students for the composition contest on the Google Form at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/scottcomp26>

The registration deadline is the same as the Solo & Ensemble deadline (February 25, 2026).