

# The 2021 J. D. Kelly Strings Competition (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)

October, 31, 2021, Riceland Hall, Fowler Center

This annual piano competition for pre-college students, honoring Dr. J. D. Kelly, Professor Emeritus, Arkansas State University, had traditionally been held during the A-State Summer Piano Festival since 2011. It is now a separate event, and is open to pre-college as well as undergraduate collegiate students. We were happy to begin including events for string students several years ago.

## Many Thanks to our 2020 - 2021 COMPETITION SPONSORS:

**Dr. J.D. Kelly; Michael, Kaye, and Holly Farrah; Dr. Chris Thompson  
Music Teachers Association of the Delta; Other generous individuals**

To make a donation to the 2020-21 Competition, please click [HERE](#) or copy/paste - <http://www.paypal.me/MTADelta>  
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If you prefer to send us a check, contact Dr. Lauren Schack Clark,  
Arkansas State University Department of Music, PO Box 799, State University, AR, 72467  
Make checks payable to "MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF THE DELTA"

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Deadline: 11:59 PM on 10/1/21 for application and Video Round YouTube links (see next page).
- Students will be notified about acceptance to the live round by 10/8/2021.
- Application Fee: \$40
- Please find the online application [HERE](#). (or copy/paste - <https://forms.gle/3XESxVoExLXPwu3s9>)
- Shortly after your online application submission, you will receive a PayPal invoice where you can pay the application fee (no PayPal account required). Application fee is due in five (5) business days after issuance of the invoice.
- Please note that your application is not complete until we receive your online application AND the application fee.

## COMPETITION RULES

- First and Second Prize Winners from previous years are not eligible to compete again unless you are competing in a different level this year.
- There are five levels, with first four determined by grades in school:
  - Level 1: Grades 1-2
  - Level 2: Grades 4-6
  - Level 3: Grades 7-9
  - Level 4: Grades 10-12
  - Level 5: Collegiate Undergraduate, through age 24 (please email proof of age and school status to [J.D.KellyCompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:J.D.KellyCompetitions@gmail.com))
- Each student advancing to the Final Live Round will receive a Medal of Participation.
- Each entrant will also receive Comments Sheets from three judges.
- Winners will also receive Trophies or Medals.

## **VIDEO SUBMISSION PROCEDURES**

After your recordings are finished, upload them as an “unlisted” video on YouTube, using the instructions below.

Video Format: YouTube accepts any of the following video formats: .MO, .MPEG4, MP4, .AVI, .WMV, .MPEGPS, .FLV, 3GPP and WebM.

- a. Record and upload each piece separately.
- b. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and sign in. If you don't already have an account, create one.
- c. Click the “UPLOAD” button at the top.
- d. Either click on the “Select files to upload” box and select your video file from your device or drag/drop your video file into the box.
- e. In the “Basic Info” screen, enter the appropriate title with the Student's Name in the box where the filename appears.
- f. In the box below the title, enter the names of the pieces and the composer's name, in the order of performed.
- g. Change the visibility setting from “Public” to “Unlisted” and click “Done.”
- h. Click “Save.”

By submitting the video links, you are granting consent for these videos to be viewed by an adjudicator for evaluation purposes.

## **COMPETITION REPERTOIRE**

\*Piano accompaniment is optional and will not have any bearing on the result.

Level 1-4: One work of applicant's choice.

Level 5: A fast movement of a major concerto OR a virtuosic piece.

## **PRIZES FOR WINNERS AT EACH LEVEL**

- Each contestant will receive a Certificate for Participation.
- Ties in each category are possible. In the event of a tie, each student will receive the appropriate prize money divided equally among the winners.
- Any number of Honorable Mentions may be named in each category.

### Level 1

1st Prize: \$50

2nd Prize: \$25

Honorable Mention: Certificate

### Level 2

1st Prize: \$75

2nd Prize: \$50

Honorable Mention: Certificate

### Level 3

1st Prize: \$150

2nd Prize: \$100

Honorable Mention: Certificate

### Level 4

\*1st Prize: \$200

2nd Prize: \$150

Honorable Mention: Certificate

Level 5

\*\*1st Prize: \$200

2nd Prize: \$150

Honorable Mention: Certificate

\*For students graduating high school in 2022: Opportunity for String Scholarships at A-State for entrance in Fall 2022, with preference to those majoring in music.

\*\*For students graduating college in Fall 2021 or Spring/Summer 2022: Possibility for a Graduate Assistantship at A-State for entrance in Fall 2022, for those majoring String Performance or Music Education with Strings as the major instrument.

**OPTIONAL IN-PERSON MASTER CLASS ON NOV. 6**

- Students may elect to schedule a master class with string faculty members at Arkansas State University, on Oct. 31, 2021.
- An additional fee of \$10.00 will be applied on the invoice.

**OPTIONAL ONLINE LESSONS WITH A-STATE FACULTY**

- Students may elect to schedule a 30-minute online lesson with string faculty members at Arkansas State University, whether they participate in the competition or not.
- An additional fee of \$20.00 will be applied on the invoice.