

## NATS-NSQ Student Auditions Age and Repertoire Guidelines



The National Student Auditions begin at the regional level and progress to the national preliminary round, semifinal round and final round. Regions may only advance singers to NSA categories from a regional audition. Winners of Chapter or District auditions may not be automatically advanced to the National Student Auditions.

	Category	Length of Study	Age	Time	Repertoire
1	Children	No limit	11 and under/below 6th grade	8 minutes	<b>Two or three</b> age appropriate selections from the Classical repertoire <b>or two or three</b> contrasting age appropriate Music Theatre Selections from scores of book shows written or intended for fully realized musical productions (a musical, revue, song cycle or operetta.)
2	Youth	No limit	11-14/6th to 8th Grade*	8 minutes	<b>Two or three</b> age appropriate selections from the Classical repertoire <b>or two or three</b> contrasting age appropriate Music Theatre Selections from scores of book shows written or intended for fully realized musical productions (a musical, revue, song cycle or operetta.)
3	Lower High School - Music Theatre (Grades 9 and 10)	No limit	13-16*	8 minutes	<b>Three</b> contrasting music theatre selections from musicals (including film musicals), revues, operettas, music theater song cycles or music theater song literature. Only one selection may be chosen from operetta.
4	Upper High School - Music Theatre (Grades 11 and 12)	No limit	16-19	8 minutes	<b>Three</b> contrasting music theatre selections from musicals (including film musicals), revues, operettas, music theatre song cycles or music theatre song literature. Only one selection may be chosen from operetta.
5	Lower High School (Grades 9 and 10)	No limit	13-16*	8 minutes	<b>Three</b> contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One art song in English. One art song in a foreign language. One additional art song or aria.
6	Upper High School (Grades 11 and 12)	No limit	16-19	8 minutes	<b>Three</b> contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One art song in English. One art song in a foreign language. One additional art song or aria.
7	Lower College - Musical Theatre	0-2 years post high school	22	10 minutes	<b>Three</b> contrasting music theater selections from musicals (including film musicals), revues, operettas, music theater song cycles or music theater song literature. Only <b>one</b> selection may be chosen from operetta.
8	Lower College/ Independent Studio	0-2 years post high school	22	10 minutes	<b>Three</b> contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One aria or art song. One art song in English. One foreign language art song.
9	Upper College - Musical Theatre	3-5 years post high school – all as undergraduate	25	12 minutes	<b>Four</b> contrasting music theater selections from musicals (including film musicals), revues, operettas, music theater song cycles or music theater song literature. Only <b>one</b> selection may be chosen from operetta.
10	Upper College/ Independent Studio	3-5 years post high school – all as undergraduate	25	12 minutes	<b>Four</b> contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One aria. One art song in English. One foreign language art song. One additional selection. At least three languages must be represented.
11	Advanced College/ Independent Studio	4+ post high-school	22-30	15 minutes	<b>Five</b> contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One operatic aria. One oratorio/cantata aria. One foreign language art song. One art song in English. One additional selection from the classical repertoire. At least three languages must be represented.
12	Adult	No limit	22+	10-12 minutes	<b>Three</b> contrasting selections from classical repertoire. One art song in English. One art song in a foreign language. One additional art song or aria.
13	Adult Music Theatre	No limit	22+	10-12 minutes	<b>Three</b> contrasting Music Theater Selections from scores of book shows written or intended for fully realized musical productions. (a musical, revue, song cycle or operetta) Only one selection may be an operetta aria.

\* 13 and 14 year-old students in 8th grade, qualify in the Youth category, 13 and 14 year-old students that are high school freshmen qualify in Lower High School Classical/Musical Theatre.