

NATIONAL YOUNG PERFORMER AWARDS 2026 CRITERIA FOR VOCAL

- A. Performers will be 17 and under 25 years as at 1st of October 2026.
- B. Performers will introduce their items and they must sing them in the language in which they were composed.
- C. 1. Each performer will perform a programme of a maximum of 15 minutes and no less than 12 minutes, including the introduction. There will be a total mark given for the complete programme. A **penalty of 5 marks** will be imposed if the minimum time limit is not met, or the maximum time limit is exceeded by 60 seconds or more.
 2. An accompanist is provided, but competitors may bring their own at their own expense
- D. Each performer will perform a programme consisting of:
 1. 20th or 21st Century Art Song
 2. Aria (Opera or Oratorio)
 3. Own Selection
- E. In the semi-final, those performers recalled will perform either two or three items from their programme, at the Adjudicator's discretion. The number of semi-finalists is determined as per the NYPA rules 7.1-7.2. Competitors will be chosen based on their marks in the Preliminary round.
- A. Three Finalists will be recalled for the Final Award Concert and will perform one item from their original programme, as directed by the Adjudicator

COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE

Only enter the Nomination class if you are seeking a Nomination **AND** are committed to attending and competing at the National Young Performer Awards in Palmerston North 22-25 Oct 2026.

Please note: Registration will be on Thursday 22nd October following the Troupe Competition

SOCIETY NOMINATION

Each Society, which is a financial member of PACANZ, **may nominate up to two competitors**, who shall be selected by the adjudicator, based on a performance as outlined in A-D.

The adjudicator will determine that a competitor has displayed a sufficient standard of performance to competently represent that society at the National Finals.

The standard required will be at the absolute discretion of the adjudicator but will include:

- A demonstration of adequate preparation
- An authority of performance
- A performance with a level of maturity commensurate with a national final competition of this age group.

If the adjudicator considers that sufficient standard has **NOT** been reached by any competitor, then **NO** nomination will be made.

The Nominating Society is responsible for paying part of the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards i.e. **\$80 inc gst per Nominee**

Each Nominee is responsible for paying the rest of the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards i.e. **\$230.00 incl gst**

DIRECT ENTRY NOMINATION

If the adjudicator considers that **more than two competitors have reached a sufficient standard** the adjudicator may report to the committee that those competitors should be given the option of a **DIRECT ENTRY NOMINATION**.

The DIRECT ENTRY nominee will be responsible for paying the full entry fee i.e. **\$310.00 incl gst**.