

# Patriot Challenge & Piano Skills Festival 2023

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**The Patriot Challenge** is available to all students free of charge. All requirements can be completed in normal lessons with a teacher whether in-person or online.

- Print the appropriate division level worksheet available at <https://www.uttyler.edu/music/festivals/piano-skills-festival.php>
- Technique and Harmonization skills – check, date, or color each box as each skill/key is learned
- Sightreading – sightread in lesson and check or color a box for each piece. You do not have to assess whether or not they ‘passed’ the sightreading. Just help them practice the process with a different piece for each box. Selections from the online Sightreading Packets may be used or others may be substituted. Adjust levels as needed and if a student is already reading well at the current functional skills level, give them higher level selections to keep them challenged! You may check more than one box per lesson if multiple pieces are sightread.
- Students receive a certificate and photo recognition on UT Tyler music website and Facebook page when all requirements are completed. Teachers simply email the completed division level worksheet and a photo of the student with a parental consent form to [vconway@uttyler.edu](mailto:vconway@uttyler.edu).
- Award Deadlines
  - Swoop Award: February 15 – encourage students to meet this deadline as preparation for the Piano Skills Festival February 24-25
  - Talon Award: March 31
  - Patriot Award: April 30

**Piano Skills Festival**

**February 24-25**

**Fee \$30**

**Online registration due Jan. 15**

- <https://www.uttyler.edu/music/festivals/piano-skills-festival.php>
- Students will perform technique, harmonization, and repertoire for one judge. They will perform sightreading in a separate room with a different judge. Students will have 3 minutes silent preparation for each requirement in the same room as the sightreading judge.
- For technique and harmonization requirements, the judge will randomly select 2 or more keys from the options given for each requirement. Note: Students will no longer select the first key.
- Students will receive a critique sheet and 4 ribbons as soon as the judges finish comments and assign scores. Score options are A, B, C, & D
- Outstanding Musicians Recital and Awards Ceremony – Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
  - Trophy – Scores of all A’s (4 blue ribbons)
  - Medal – Scores of 3 A’s and one B (3 blue ribbons and 1 red ribbon)
  - Recital - Students earning a medal or trophy are also eligible for recital consideration. Judges will select approximately 20 Outstanding Musician award winners to perform in Braithwaite Recital Hall. Students who cannot attend or who do not wish to be considered for the recital, should let the monitor know when they sign in.
  - All trophy and medal awards will be presented at the conclusion of the recital. Teachers may pick up any awards for students not attending or participating in the recital at the conclusion of the festival.