



TEXOMA REGION

Video Recording & YouTube Video Upload Instructions

QUICK GUIDE

[See [NSA Video Submission Guidelines](#) for additional information.]

Recording

- You should **record a separate unedited video** for each selection on your repertoire list.
- Your camera should **record from a fixed position** as if three adjudicators were seated in front of you.
- You should face straight forward to the camera as you would appear to adjudicators in a live audition. Your video **recordings must clearly show your face and most of your body from the knees upward.**
- External mics are permissible to assist in picking up the sound but they may not be used to alter the sound in any way.
- To view a short video of best practices for recording a quality audition video click [HERE](#).

Performance

- Introduce each selection at the beginning of the video. Introduce yourself by saying:

“My name is _____; “I will sing (Title of Composition) by (Composer) from (Title of Work (if applicable)).”

The identity of your teacher, school, and region should not be revealed.

- You must perform each of your selections from memory on your recording (with the exception of Oratorio/Cantata arias).
 - ***If using your tablet or phone during the recording to control accompaniment, if you give the impression you are reading the score, you may be disqualified.***

Video Upload Settings

- Please note that you **must select “Unlisted”** in the Privacy settings found under the broadcasting and Sharing Options section when uploading your video file to YouTube.
- If you see the option to “Set this video (and/or channel) for kids” or “No, this content is not for kids,” please **choose the NOT for kids option**.

Video Titles and Descriptions

- Each video title should contain the singer’s name and “Texoma Region NATS” (i.e. “Jane Doe – Texoma Region NATS”).
- In the YouTube “Description” section, please include the Title, Composer, and Larger Work (if applicable).
- YouTube Channel titles and images must **NOT** reveal Teacher, School, or Studio affiliations.

Video Link

- Create a link to the YouTube video using the “SHARE” option that appears directly below the video. **Select “SHARE” then “COPY”**
- In addition to the above settings, double-check that the video you upload and link to:
 - Has the correct title and information
 - Is the correct version you want to enter (e.g. the video doesn’t cut out halfway through)
 - After creating and submitting your link, **double-check to make sure the link works**

INVALID VIDEOS: *The following video problems would make them invalid. Invalid videos may result in disqualification without a refund for the student audition fee.*

- Videos revealing the teacher’s identity, the region of the singer, or the school they attend.
- Videos with “private” sharing options.
- Videos that pan and/or zoom during performances.
- Videos using recording equipment that alters the acoustics of the venue or the sound quality of the singer by adding/subtracting reverb or altering the pitches being sung.
- Videos that are digitally altered.
- Videos where it appears that the student is reading music that is placed off-camera
- Videos with orchestrated tracks or tracks with other instruments or voices