



YOUNG SOLOIST SEARCH

VSA Alabama is eagerly searching for the recipient of the 2012 Young Soloist Award! The VSA Young Soloist Award recognizes outstanding young vocalists and instrumentalists with a disability. This is an opportunity for musically talented students and young professionals to earn scholarship funds and possibly an opportunity to perform in Washington, D.C. at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Vocalist or instrumentalist
- Age 25 or younger by November 18, 2011
- Must have a disability (physical, mental, or emotional)
- Ensembles of 2-8 members may also apply. The ensemble can be anything from a rock band to a chamber quartet to a drum corp. At least one member of the ensemble must have a disability and all members must fit the age requirement as noted above.
- Must be able to perform on December 3rd at 2 p.m. in Birmingham at Children's of Alabama's Bradley Lecture Center.

APPLICATION REQUIRMENTS

- Complete application form (attached)
- A half page, single-spaced, or full page, double-space, typed entry to include biographical information addressing the benefits of music in your life and reasons why you feel you should be selected as the recipient of the 2012 VSA Young Soloist Award recipient
- CD or DVD of 3 selections performed by the applicant

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Application requirements must be postmarked **NO LATER** than Nov. 18, 2011 and mailed to VSA Alabama at P.O. Box 12504 / Birmingham, AL 35202 to the attention of: Sarah Margaret Wade.
- You will receive a confirmation letter from VSA Alabama detailing the competition.

AWARD

- Cash prizes for the top two finalists (\$500 first place, \$250 second place)
- Top two finalists are Alabama's representative in the International VSA competition.



The State Organization on Arts and Disability

2012 Young Soloist Application Form
Please write legibly

Applicant's Name:

Date of Birth:

Street Address:

City:

Zip:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Check the category in which you plan to apply. If you are an instrumentalist, please list the instrument on which you will perform.

___ Instrumentalist _____ (list instrument)

___ Vocalist

___ Group (If this is a group applicant, please provide contact information- name, date of birth, address, phone, and email- for all group members and note which has a disability)

Type of disability:

Biographical Description

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a one-page narrative including biographical information and the reasons why you feel you/your group should be selected as the 2012 VSA Alabama Young Soloist.

Recording Submission

Please mark applicable:

___ CD ___ DVD

Recordings must include 3 selections. We recommend recording your best piece first. Live music, not recorded, must be used as accompaniment if accompaniment is needed. Please list the taped selections below:

Selection #1: _____ Length: _____
Composer: _____

Selection #2: _____ Length: _____
Composer: _____

Selection #3: _____ Length: _____
Composer: _____

On the Competition day, you will be permitted to perform ONE of your 3 recorded selections. Which selection will you be performing on Saturday, December 3rd 2011?

Please check ONE:

____ Selection #1

____ Selection #2

____ Selection #3

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under age 21):

Date: _____

Please submit this application form and your tape to:

Sarah Margaret Wade
VSA Alabama
P.O. Box 12504
Birmingham, AL 35202

Entries should be postmarked no later than Nov. 18, 2011.