# MBU High School Piano Scholarship Competition Assessment Rubric



#### Name: Piece:

Category	0	1	2	3	4
Accuracy/ Attention to Detail	Notes and details are not performed as written.	Overall lack of attention to note accuracy and details.	Numerous errors and/or details missed.	Infrequent errors. A few minor notes and details are missed.	Excellent accuracy and attention to detail.
Rhythm/Tempo	<ul> <li>Rhythms are not performed as written.</li> <li>Tempo is not controlled.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Basic rhythmic accuracy is demonstrated in simple passages, although rapid and complex passages are weak.</li> <li>Tempo is not always controlled.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rhythmic accuracy and precision are good.</li> <li>Demonstrates good awareness of pulse and tempo, although occasional problems occur.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rhythmic accuracy and precision are very good.</li> <li>Tempo is appropriate and consistent most of the time.</li> <li>Rhythmic interpretation or variations are appropriate, with only minor inconsistencies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rhythmic accuracy and precision are nearly exact.</li> <li>Tempo is appropriate and consistent throughout.</li> <li>Rhythmic interpretations or variations are appropriate for the selection.</li> </ul>
Technique	No understanding of basic technique.	Basic problems exist with technique. Good technique is only occasionally demonstrated. Pedal fluency Tone quality Pianistic touches Overall facility	Several passages lack the techniques needed to successfully perform the selection. Pedal fluency Tone quality Pianistic touches Overall facility	Some passages lack the techniques needed to successfully perform the selection. Pedal fluency Tone quality Pianistic touches Overall facility	Demonstrates a thorough command of the techniques needed to perform the selection. Pedal fluency Tone quality Pianistic touches Overall facility
Musicality/ Interpretation	No sense of phrasing or musical style.	<ul> <li>Very little meaningful stylistic interpretation of musical passages.</li> <li>Style is undeveloped and inconsistent.</li> <li>Musical phrasing is mostly mechanical and non-musical.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stylistic accuracy is demonstrated some of the time.</li> <li>Stylistic interpretation is demonstrated some of the time, but is often rigid and mechanical.</li> <li>Musical phrasing is basic but not always consistent.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stylistically accurate and consistent most of the time.</li> <li>Some passages may lack stylistic interpretation but do not detract from the performance.</li> <li>Musical phrasing is natural most of the time.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Stylistically accurate and consistent throughout.</li> <li>Seldom rigid or mechanical.</li> <li>Excellent and meaningful phrasing and interpretation.</li> </ul>
Dynamics	No dynamic range.	Limited dynamic range.	<ul> <li>Some successful attempts at basic dynamic variation.</li> <li>Dynamic range is generally not appropriate for the selection.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Good use of dynamics throughout, with some lack of dynamic control.</li> <li>Dynamic range is mostly appropriate for the selection.</li> </ul>	Excellent use of dynamics throughout. Dynamic range is appropriate for the selection.
Memorization	Not memorized. Requires the music to complete the performance.	Poorly memorized, several noticeable memorization errors.	Generally, well memorized, a minor number of noticeable flaws or errors.	Well-memorized, with small flaws noticeable to only those who know the music.	Excellent memorization and effortless recall throughout.
Difficulty	Both selections are late intermediate.	One selection is late intermediate. One selection is early advanced or advanced.	Both selections are early advanced.	<ul> <li>One selection is early advanced.</li> <li>One selection is advanced.</li> </ul>	Both selections are advanced.

# Score:

### **Rating:**

Highest Honors with Distinction (score of 25-28)

Highest Honors (score of 21-24)

Honors (score of 17-20)

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