



Keyboard Audition Requirements

Auditions are held at McNally Smith College of Music on specific dates each semester. Visit www.mcnallysmith.edu/admissions/auditions for upcoming audition dates, then email admissions@mcnallysmith.edu to schedule your audition time on one of the predetermined audition dates listed.

We highly recommend that you audition in person at McNally Smith, but we are aware this may be impossible for some students. Therefore, instructions for both live and video auditions are provided online.

The audition has a number of components including:

Prepared Piece

- Perform a prepared piece of solo piano music. The style and level of this are not a major concern.
- Select something that demonstrates the best of your performing skills.

Scales

- Play a major scale on any note through two octaves with proper fingering hands alone.
- Play a harmonic minor scale on any note through two octaves with proper fingering hands alone.

Basic Skills and Musicianship

- Build a major, minor, diminished, or augmented triad on any note.
- Play a I-IV-V7 progression in any key.

Sight Reading

- Be able to sight play an early intermediate piece.

Improvisation (Optional)

- If you improvise on your instrument, please do some for your audition.

Note: Keep in mind that demonstrating talent and potential is the main reason for the audition.