



Vocal 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.

The vocal audition has a number of components including:

- An in-person interview
- Vocalization and Range/Register check
- Basic Skills and Musicianship Test
- Prepared Music: 1 student choice

The Interview

Adjudicators will ask the prospective student basic questions about their background and musical interests, including: any voice training (school or private), other instrumental skills, choral/band/solo experience (either amateur or professional), etc. Other questions include perceived strengths and challenges on the instrument, influences, and specific hopes for their college experience.

Vocalization and Range / Register check

Basic exercises are used to determine the student's vocal range (bottom to top) and use of registers. Students will be assessed on their ability to follow the basic exercise and switch registers when necessary.

Basic Skills and Musicianship

Students will be tested on Pitch Matching, Tone recognition within a chord, and Coordination. Adjudicators will assess reading ability or potential for successful development of sight-reading skills.

Prepared Music

Students should bring in a song of their choice, memorized with music provided for accompaniment.

If you feel that you cannot successfully complete the required portions of the audition, it is suggested that you consult a professional instructor to prepare you for entrance to the College. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can to help in your audition preparations. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You will find contact information below.

What to bring to your audition

- Music of your chosen piece for accompaniment
- Water
- Any other items you may need (CD's, iPod, etc.) to assist you in your audition