

Keyboard Video Audition Requirements

Before you begin please download the supplemental materials provided on our [Auditions Page](#) under the Keyboard Section. Before recording your audition, make sure that you are well lit, you are in the frame from the waist up and that your hands are visible on your instrument. Make sure that your performance is clear, easily heard, and not distorted.

1. Prepared Pieces

Perform two prepared pieces of music in contrasting styles. Your choice in style and level of difficulty are not a major concern. Please choose two selections that demonstrate the best of your performing skills.

Examples of contrasting styles: Classical selection, Jazz standard, Pop tune, or other.

2. Scales

Play two octaves of the following scales, hands separately with proper fingering, ascending and descending.

- B \flat Major
- E Major
- D Natural Minor
- A Natural Minor

3. Chords

Play the following Major, Minor, Diminished and Augmented chords.

- A \flat Major, F Major
- D \flat Minor, G Minor
- E Diminished, C Diminished
- B Augmented, F Augmented
- Play a I, IV, V7 progression in G Major

4. Sight-Reading

All the materials needed for this part of the audition can be found in the supplemental material, under the keyboard section of our [Auditions Page](#). Perform these pieces using the lead sheets provided and a metronome.

- Traditional notation lead sheet
- Triad based lead sheet
- Seventh chord based lead sheet

5. Ear Training

All the materials needed for this section can be found in the supplemental material under the keyboard section of our [Auditions Page](#).

- Rhythm Call and Response
Perform with the recording of five rhythmic examples by clapping the rhythm in response during the measure following each example.
- Chord Qualities
Listen to the ten chords on the chord qualities track and identify each quality by stating your answers to the camera.

Once you've recorded your audition material, upload your video to a streaming site like YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc. Send only one link of your complete audition if possible. If you have multiple links please label them appropriately. Check to see that your link works and that your video is complete and is streaming correctly.

When you are ready to submit your video audition go to your student portal, select my documents, then select required and click on the word document below the due date of AM-Audition to access the link to the video audition submission form.

Contact Admissions at admissions@mcnallysmith.edu or your admissions representative if you have any questions.