

Cotati Accordion Student Stage and Scholarships 2021

Last year the Thirtieth Annual Cotati Accordion Festival did not occur due to the Coronavirus health and safety regulations. Last year, in absence of a competition, the festival substituted stipends from the scholarship fund; however, this year we will award scholarships, including the \$500 Anthony and Mary Facciuto Scholarship to the top scoring student. We anticipate but cannot predict whether this year's festival will be held in the Cotati downtown plaza. However, the eighth annual student scholarship program and competition will take place virtually.

First, submit the application form & teacher's verification letter showing your intent to compete and which option you will use to prerecord your unedited performance. **FIRST DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021.** Applications, letters from a current teacher, and electronic copies of the pieces are still required and must arrive by that same date. Students up to and including those 18 years old who have not reached their 19th birthday, are eligible.

Second, submit and successfully upload the video **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021.** Passwords and weblinks must be provided to the Coordinator when you submit the video. The Coordinator will distribute this information to judges and assistant coordinator.

Here are the four approved options for prerecorded, unedited performance posting methods:

1. Posting a private video on YouTube (parents must grant permission for a public video upload). If private, permission and passwords must be given to the coordinator who will distribute to the three judges, the coordinator and assistant coordinator. All three pieces must be uploaded together, without editing or interruption. Approx time: 15 minutes.
2. Posting a prerecorded video via Dropbox or another comparable archived method stored such as OneDrive or any other easy to use method must contain link and required passwords if needed. (Contact Coordinator if opting for other ways to upload).
3. Posting a prerecorded video on Facebook or a personal website must contain be made public.

We look forward to giving several awards. Please notify me via email as to your **PREFERRED CHOICE** for prerecording video. Please let me know if you have any questions about the procedure and what is required this year. Good Luck! And thank you for choosing to participate.

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