

23rd NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD YOUNG PERFORMER AWARDS 2026

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER FESTIVALS HARDCOPY ENTRY FORM

The National Eisteddfod Young Performer Awards Competition is a platform for awarding talented young performers. Recipients of a diploma or similar awards (90% and higher) from other festivals/eisteddfods in 2025 are invited to enter this competition.

Following 3 preliminary rounds, this competition concludes with a Final Round, where the top 3 overall performers in music, dance, or drama will be presented with Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals and total cash prizes of R20,000.

Rules

- Only candidates who have achieved a diploma level or similar awards in the National Eisteddfod **or another eisteddfod or festival** may enter this competition.
- This competition will comprise four rounds (three rounds for large groups).
- A panel of adjudicators will adjudicate all events, and their decision will be final.
- No changes in the schedule will be allowed. (See the website for more details.)
- All participants should submit an entry form and proof of payment before the closing date for entries.
- A copy of the certificate/report confirming the achievement at another festival must be submitted with the entry form.
- Any participant who proceeds to the semi- and final rounds will also have to perform "live" in Gauteng.

ENQUIRIES: TEL: (011) 886 6005

E-mail: entry@eisteddfod.co.za

CLOSING DATES & ENTRY FEES FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER FESTIVALS

ENTRY FEES*	CLOSING DATE	Individual entry	Ensemble Group entry (2 – 5 participants)	Small Group entry (6 – 10)	Medium Size Group entry (11 – 20 participants)	Large Group (21+ participants)
LIVE VIDEO recorded Performance	27 Feb 2026	R 460	R 485	R 510	R 550	R 600

* *Proof of payment to be submitted with the entry before/on the closing date.*

Provisional Program:

- First Round (Live performances: 9 – 20 March 2026)**
A panel of adjudicators will adjudicate all "live" and "recorded" entries.
 - Quarter Final Round: 17 -20 March 2026 (Roodepoort Theatre – Basement Theatre)**
A limited number of participants will be selected in the First Round to compete in the **Quarter Final Round, either in a live performance or by submitting a new video recording for adjudication.** (.
 - Semi-Final Round: 7 and 8 May 2026 (Roodepoort Theatre – Main Theatre)**
Separate events will be presented for Speech & Drama, Classical Music, Contemporary Music and Dance, etc. The overall junior and senior winners of all sections will also be announced at each of these concerts.
 - Final Round: 10 May 2026 (Roodepoort Theatre – Main Theatre)**
The overall junior and senior winners of all sections will finally compete for the overall awards at the Roodepoort Theatre, Gauteng.
- IMPORTANT: THIS ENTRY FORM SHOULD BE USED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER FESTIVALS TO ENTER FOR "LIVE" PERFORMANCES or**
 - ONLY BY PARTICIPANTS FROM OTHER FESTIVALS NOT RESIDENT IN GAUTENG, TO SUBMIT VIDEO RECORDED ENTRIES.**

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PARTICIPANTS OF OTHER FESTIVALS LIVE and VIDEO PERFORMANCE: ENTRY FORM

Important: ALL sections MUST be completed. Please read carefully.

Have you participated in the NEA before? If YES, please state year.	Yes		No	Year:
First Name:				
Surname:				
Date of birth			School Grade in 2026:	
Name of school 2025				
Name of school 2026 (if different)				
Name of parent/responsible person				
Contact details of the parent/person responsible for this entry.	Home tel. no:		Cell. no:	
	Work no:		E-mail:	

Please print clearly! All sections must be completed. Incomplete entries cannot be processed.

NEA AWARDS COMPETITION 2026: Categories and codes:

Awards Description	Awards Cat	Awards Grades (Grades as in 2024!)	Live / Video entry
Music: Classical style (vocal & instrumental)	NEA-001	Entry level Solo (Gr. 0 - 3)	R 460.00
	NEA-002	Intermediate Phase Solo	
	NEA-003	Senior Phase Solo	
	NEA-004	FET Phase Solo	
	NEA-005	Ensemble Groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 485.00
	NEA-006	Small groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 510.00
	NEA-007	Medium groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 550.00
	NEA-008	Large groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 600.00
Music: Crossover style (vocal & instrumental)	NEA-009	Entry level Solo (Gr. 0 - 3)	R 460.00
	NEA-010	Intermediate Phase Solo	
	NEA-011	Senior Phase Solo	
	NEA-012	FET Phase Solo	
	NEA-013	Ensemble Groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 485.00
	NEA-014	Small groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 510.00
	NEA-015	Medium groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 550.00
	NEA-016	Large groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 600.00
Music: Contemporary style (vocal & instrumental)	NEA-017	Entry level Solo (Gr. 0 - 3)	R 460.00
	NEA-018	Intermediate Phase Solo	
	NEA-019	Senior Phase Solo	
	NEA-020	FET Phase Solo	
	NEA-021	Ensemble Groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 485.00
	NEA-022	Small groups (Jnr/Snr)*	R 510.00
	NEA-023	Medium groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 550.00
	NEA-024	Large groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 600.00

Awards Description	Awards Cat	Awards Grades (Grades as in 2024!)	Live / Video entry
Speech & drama (all languages)	NEA-025	Entry level Solo (Gr. 0 - 3)	R 460.00
	NEA-026	Intermediate Phase Solo	
	NEA-027	Senior Phase Solo	
	NEA-028	FET Phase Solo	
	NEA-029	Ensemble Groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 485.00
	NEA-030	Small groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 510.00
	NEA-031	Medium groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 550.00
	NEA-032	Large groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 600.00
Public speaking	NEA-033	Junior (Gr. 0 - 7)	R 460.00
	NEA-034	Senior (Gr. 8 - Open)	
Dance	NEA-036	Entry level Solo (Gr. 0 - 3)	R 460.00
	NEA-037	Intermediate Phase Solo	
	NEA-038	Senior Phase Solo	
	NEA-039	FET Phase Solo	
	NEA-040	Ensemble Groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 485.00
	NEA-041	Small groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 510.00
	NEA-042	Medium groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 550.00
	NEA-043	Large groups (Jnr/Snr)	R 600.00

CLARIFICATION:

Ensemble groups: 2 – 5 participants
Medium size groups: 11 -20 participants
Large Groups: 21 and more participants

Entry level: Gr 0 - 3
Intermediate Phase: Gr. 4 - 6
Senior Phase: Gr. 7 - 9
FET Phase: Gr. 10 – Open

NEA AWARDS CODE for 2023	DESCRIPTION	ENTRY FEE
NEA 0 2 6	English Narrative Poem Gr. 5	R 460.00

- Select the NEA Awards category number that suits your 2025 diploma (or similar result) from the list above. E.g., an English Monologue, Gr. 5) will be performed in the category **Speech and Drama (Gr. 4 - 6)** (NEA Awards Category Number: NEA-026).
- In **all** instances, the Grade refers to the school grade of the participant as in 2026.
- NB: Provide both the NEA Awards number and a description of the item performed in 2025.
- Important: Attach a copy of the relevant 2025 certificate/award and report.

NEA AWARDS CODE for 2026	NAME of Other Festival where 90% or a similar award was received in 2025	Description of Item / Performance	ENTRY FEE
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VIDEO RECORDED PERFORMANCE Only allowed for participants from other provinces	<input type="checkbox"/>	LIVE PERFORMANCE Gauteng and other provinces	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> where applicable
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AMOUNT PAYABLE:	R
ELECTRONIC TRANSFER / DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT to National Eisteddfod Academy ABSA current account:	
Account number: 404 747 8448	Branch code: 632-005
Type: Current account	
Date of transfer / transaction:	Important: Provide the name of participant as reference.
It is of vital importance to provide the participant's name as reference when making electronic payments. Kindly email proof of payment to entry@eisteddfod.co.za	
All entries should be submitted with proof of payment. No entry will be processed without proof of payment.	
Please Note: The participation schedule for live performances will be published online by 04 March 2026.	

Official use only:	Receipt No	Date	Entry Captured and Checked by
Proof of payment			

I accept the rules of the NEA Young Performer Awards.

Date: _____