VENTSISLAV YANKOFF FOUNDATION

REGISTRATION FORM FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PIANISTS

'POETS OF THE PIANO – 2025'

Photo:	
Name and surname:	
Passport No./ID card No.: /the candidate or his legal representative/	
Category:	
Short autobiography:	
Address and telephone number:	

In accordance with Article 7 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation), I hereby give my explicit written consent my personal data indicated in this Form to be processed by Ventsislav Yankoff Foundation for the following purposes: my participation in the "VENTSISLAV YANKOFF" SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PIANISTS – "POETS OF THE PIANO-2025" (the "**Competition**"), and the corresponding announcements of results, finalists and winners in the Competition on the Internet webpage of Ventsislav Yankoff Foundation, as well as in the social media.

Date: .....

Signature of candidate (parent/guardian if applicable): .....

Name and Surname of candidate (parent/guardian if applicable): .....

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SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PIANISTS
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Terms of the Competition

Age categories:

- Category A - from 13 to 16 years old;
- Category B - from 17 to 20 years old.

The Competition is open for young pianists of all nationalities

The Competition will be held in two (2) rounds:

1. ROUND 1: The candidates in each category have to submit a raw video audio-visual recording of them performing. Pre-audition of audio-visual recordings submitted by the candidates and selection of the finalists in the two categories – A and B – **from 21 May to 10 July 2025.**

   The results from Round 1 will be announced by **15 August 2025**.

2. ROUND 2: Live concert performance by the finalists from the two categories – A and B – and selection of the winners – **15 September 2025 – Sofia, Grand Concert Hall of the "Prof. Pancho Vladigerov" National Academy of Music, 18:00h EET (17:00h CET).**

Requirements for the audio-visual recordings for Round 1:

- Unedited audio-visual recording of the candidate's performance;
- Duration of the audio-visual recording – Category A up to 15 minutes; Category B – up to 20 minutes;
- Content of the audio-visual recording – two musical pieces or parts thereof – of the candidate's choice;
- The two musical pieces have to be written by different composers;
- The recording has to be shot in high definition (HD) sound and picture (preferably 1920 x 1080) and must not be edited. The camera has to be within 5 meters of the piano, positioned so that the candidate's face, hands and feet can be seen throughout the entire performance;

- The recording has to be attached/enclosed to the Registration Form as a link that can be downloaded from an online platform (WeTransfer or another platform accessible in Bulgaria).

Requirements for the selected finalists for Round 2:

- Perform one or more pieces or parts thereof of the candidate's choice. The pieces must be different than those which the candidate submitted in Round 1.
- The duration of the performances should be max.: for Category A – 10 min.; Category B – 15 min.
- Prepare one piece or part thereof with a duration of up to 5 min. which shall be performed in case the candidate wins and is awarded the Ventsislav Yankoff Scholarship in Category A and Category B /it is allowed this piece to be one of those that the candidate submitted in the audio-visual recording/.

Registration:

- To apply in this competition, please submit your registration form at: **foundation@vyankoff.com**;
- For candidates under the age of 18, it is mandatory that the registration form has to be filled in and submitted by the candidate and their parent(s)/guardian who officially can represent the candidate at the competition;
- If any of the requirements and conditions described above and in the registration form are not met, the candidate will be disqualified from the selection and the competition;
- **Deadline for application: 10 July 2025.**

Participation fee:

Category A – 50 leva;

Category B – 60 leva.

- Payment details:

Recipient: Ventsislav Yankoff Foundation

DSK Bank, IBAN: BG65STSA93000029200673

BIC : STSABGSF

- Mandatory text on the payment slip/document: **Name and surname of the candidate and text: "Fee for Scholarship Competition 'Poets of the piano-2025";**
- Payments are accepted only via bank transfer;

- Paid fees are non-refundable.

Ranking of the candidates:

The live performance of the candidates from the two categories in the final concert will be assessed by a prominent international jury which will follow rules of pre-determined rules that will regulate its objective assessment.

Prizes:

- **Scholarship Category A**
    - 1st place – BGN 6,000.00
    - 2nd place – BGN 2,000.00
- **Scholarship Category B**
    - 1st place – BGN 7,000.00
    - 2nd place – BGN 2,000.00
- **Audience Scholarship 'Hristo Kurtev' –**

  BGN 2,000.00.

Important!

The scholarship funds will be provided subject to a written scholarship agreement for the development of the young musicians and shall be accounted to the Ventsislav Yankoff Foundation in a summary financial report as expenses related to tuition fees, fees for attending master classes, fees for the participation in other musical competitions and other costs directly related to the development of the pianist.

The scholarships are paid in two tranches within the period of 2 years. Within 1 month after the expiry of the first year from the signature of the scholarship agreement the pianist shall provide to Ventsislav Yankoff Foundation an interim financial report, and a final financial report within 1 month after the expiry of the second year.

Each financial report has to be accompanied by documents evidencing the utilization of the Scholarships in Category A and Category B, and the Audience Scholarship 'Hristo Kurtev', for the purposes specified above, and shall be provided to Ventsislav Yankoff Foundation via email and on paper.

For the period of two years after the signature of the scholarship agreement, the respective pianists who have been awarded the scholarships shall be announcing publicly that they are scholarship recipients of Ventsislav Yankoff Foundation.