How does the program work?
Singers upload a résumé, headshot, and links to three (3) YouTube videos, which are used to audition for the participating Summer Program(s) you choose.

All participating singers also will be automatically considered for one of several "Dillard Scholar Awards" in memory and honor of late NATS president Jane Dillard. These awards are intended as scholarship monies toward costs associated with attending one of our participating summer programs or young artist programs.

Who can participate?
Anyone who studies with an active NATS member, as well as NATS members themselves.

What are the costs?
Applicants pay a $25 audition fee, which covers administrative costs and helps to fund the Dillard Scholar Awards.

All participating programs have waived their audition fees, and many also have waived application fees. Programs that charge a separate application fee are responsible for collecting that fee themselves; it is not paid through the NATS application.

How do I apply and submit fees?
Singers will register on NATS.org on the SPA page. Unlike many other NATS-sponsored events, the teacher does not need to register students.

Your registration will not be complete until the payment has been accepted.

Can I start an application and finish later?
Yes, you may begin an application and come back to it. Your application is not complete until you have submitted payment. Once you have submitted the payment, you may no longer make changes to your application. If there are problems with your application or links, one of the SPA coordinators will contact you.

How many programs can I apply to?
You may apply to any program whose age requirements you meet. However, we encourage you to research programs carefully and only apply to those programs that are appropriate for your level of study, and that you would seriously consider attending. We recommend applying to a maximum of 5 programs.

What if programs I am interested in request different types of repertoire?
You should choose three selections that *best* (though perhaps not exactly) fulfill the requests of the various programs. Program representatives understand that this is a consolidated audition and that submissions are limited to three videos. Program representatives have been asked to make decisions based on the videos you submit, and not to request additional materials.

What is the deadline for submitting an audition?
The application is open November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Which summer programs are participating?
Please see the full list with links to program websites.

Do I also need to apply directly to programs I am interested in?
Not necessarily. Programs will contact you after viewing your audition. Some programs may ask you to fill out their application form or submit letters of recommendation.

What happens after I submit my audition materials?
Timelines for programs will vary, but programs will contact you directly with audition results.

How do I make a good audition video?
See these tips from NATS!