



## 2018 National Take a Stand Festival Application Steps & Checklist

### Important Application Dates

December 4, 2017	Application requirements announced and Application Opens
February 8, 2018	Application closed
February 15, 2018	Deadline for Recommendation from Program Director or Primary Music Teacher
March 15, 2018	Notification of acceptance
July 2018	National Take a Stand Festival

### Application Steps & Checklist

*Print this document out to use as a reference as you complete your application materials.*

#### Students:

- Download the **Personal Statement & Musical Audition Requirements**. Start thinking about what you'd like to say – and practicing!
- Create a **username and password** to access the submission system. You'll be able to save your application if you can't complete it all at once.
- Record your **Personal Statement video**. You will be asked to submit the video or written file on the online application system. (Note: recorded videos on mobile devices are perfectly acceptable.)
- Record your **Musical Audition videos**. You will be asked to submit the video files on the online application system. (Note: recorded videos on mobile devices are perfectly acceptable.)
- Upload a **clear, high resolution, photo of yourself**. This will serve as your headshot in the festival program book, should you be accepted, and should be an ID badge or passport-style photo.
- **Submit your recommendation request** to your Program Director or Teaching Artist on the online application system.
- **Review and submit your online application and videos** by February 8.

#### Program Directors/Teaching Artists (Providing Recommendations):

- Applicants will be prompted to submit an email address for their program director or primary teaching artist on the online application system. You will receive an email with instructions on how to submit your recommendation (due February 15).

#### Parents/Guardians:

- Review the **Frequently Asked Questions**.
- Fill out a **Parent Consent Form**, available on the online application system (due by February 8).

