



2024 YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION RULES

Applicant Eligibility

1. All applicants must be currently enrolled in the 9th -12th grade in a secondary school recognized by the State of North Carolina.
2. All applicants must be no older than 18 years of age at the time of the competition date.
3. All applicants must be recommended by a current private teacher in order to apply.
4. All applicants must reside in one of the following North Carolina counties to qualify for entry into the Young Artist Competition: Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, or Yancey.
 - 4a. A member in good standing and with the endorsement of the HSYO Music Director, can be allowed to enter the HSO Young Artist Competition even if that student lives outside the geographical boundaries specified, provided that all other requirements are met.
5. First Place Winners from previous Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competitions are not eligible to apply.

Application Process

6. All applicants must complete, sign, and submit the Young Artist Competition application form to enter the competition. Online and written application forms can be submitted or downloaded respectively from the HSO website at <https://www.hendersonvillesymphony.org/young-artist-competition>.

A nonrefundable application fee of \$40.00 must accompany the online or written application form for registration to be complete.

Online applications and the \$40.00 application fee must be received by 11:59 PM on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, to qualify for entry.

Written applications and the \$40.00 application fee must be postmarked by January 17, 2024, to qualify for entry. Checks must be written to the "Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra" with "Young Artist Competition" written on the memo line. Written applications, along with the \$40.00 application fee, should be mailed to the following address:

Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition
PO Box 1811
Hendersonville, NC 28793

7. By signing and submitting the online or written application form to the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra, all Young Artist Competition applicants, their parents, and/or legal guardians confirm they have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of the Young Artist Competition Rules, stated herein.

Young Artist Competition Date, Applicant Requirements, and Procedures

8. The Young Artist Competition will be held on Sunday, February 18 2024, at Freeburg Pianos, 2314 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville NC beginning at 2:00 PM.

9. Prior to the competition date, all music selections used in the competition must be approved by the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra (HSO) Music Director John Young Shik Concklin. The Young Artist Competition Chairperson will notify the applicant when the music selection approval is obtained or if the HSO Music Director requests that another music selection be made by the applicant.

9a. Each student may submit only one work into the competition. No double entries will be permitted.

10. All applicants will be assigned and notified of their audition time before the competition date. All applicants should arrive early - at least 45 minutes is recommended before the appointed audition time - to complete the check-in process. Practice rooms will be available to all applicants for warm-up and audition preparation.

Applicants who do not arrive ahead of their appointment and are not ready to perform at their scheduled audition time may have their applicant status revoked, and their audition time may be forfeited. All audition times are determined and assigned by the Young Artist Competition chairperson and are considered final.

11. Instrumentalists must prepare a movement from a standard concerto. If this contains a cadenza, then the cadenza should be prepared. Works for two soloists may be entered.

12. Vocalists must prepare an aria from an opera, oratorio, or a song from a song cycle. Works for two soloists may be entered.

13. All applicants must memorize all music for the audition.

14. A panel of judges will select the three (3) Top Prize Winners and a maximum of three (3) Honorable Mention Finalists, based upon musicianship, technique, and overall stage presence. The judges' rulings for the Top Three Prize Winners and Honorable Mention Finalists are final.

15. Each applicant must provide an accompanist, and three (3) copies of the performance music must be provided to the judges at the audition; copies can be presented at the registration table upon arrival. A page turner will be provided by the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra if requested. Only the applicant and his/her accompanist may attend the CLOSED audition. Parents, family members, friends, teachers, and guests of the applicant must wait in the lobby while the applicant performs during the competition.

16. All applicants will be notified via telephone and/or email of final competition placement results immediately following the conclusion of the Young Artist Competition.

17. Awards for the Top Three Prize Winners include: 1st Place - \$1000; 2nd Place - \$600; 3rd Place - \$400. Prize money and awards will be presented to the Top Three Prize Winners at the Young Artist Competition Concert and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Mandatory Concert, Rehearsal, and Awards Ceremony Dates for the Top Three Winners

18. The First Place Winner must perform as a soloist with the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra at the 2019 Young Artist Competition Concert on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 3:00 PM under the baton of HSO Music Director John Young Shik Concklin.

19. For the First Place Prize Winner, the Young Artist Competition concert rehearsals with the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra will be held at the Blue Ridge Conference Hall, Blue Ridge Community College, East Campus Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731 on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Attendance at these rehearsals are mandatory for the First Place Prize Winner.

20. The Young Artist Competition Concert with the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra and Awards Ceremony will be held at the Blue Ridge Conference Hall, Blue Ridge Community College, East Campus Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731, on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 3:00 PM. Attendance at this concert is mandatory for the First, Second, and Third Place Prize Winners. The Top Three Prize Winners will each receive two complimentary tickets to this concert.

21. The Young Artist Competition Showcase will be held at Carolina Village Retirement Community, 600 Carolina Village Road, Hendersonville, North Carolina, 28792, date TBA. Attendance and performance at this Showcase is mandatory for the First, Second, and Third Place Prize Winners. All Honorable Mention Finalists are invited, but not required, to attend and perform at this showcase.

Forfeiture of Competition Placement Status, Award Presentation, and Monetary Prize

22. Any of the Top Three Prize Winners who fail to attend mandatory rehearsals, performances, concerts, and awards ceremonies as defined in Paragraphs 18-21, listed above, may result in the forfeiture of competition placement status, award presentation, and monetary prize. The Young Artist Competition Chairperson and the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra Education Committee will determine final status of Prize Winners if the obligations set forth in these Competition Rules are not met and fulfilled by any of the Top Three Prize Winners. All decisions by the Young Artist Competition Chairperson and Education Committee are final.

23. In the event that any one of the Top Three Prize Winners does not or cannot fulfill their postcompetition obligations - forfeiting their competition placement status, award presentation, and monetary prize, as determined by the Young Artist Competition Chair and the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra Education Committee - then the next Prize Winner or Honorable Mention Finalist in line will be awarded the forfeited competition placement status, award presentation, and monetary prize. The new Prize Winner(s) will then be bound by the rehearsal, performance, and attendance expectations defined for the Top Three Prize Winners in Paragraphs 18-21, listed above. Final Decisions

24. The Young Artist Competition Chairperson and the Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra Education Committee will make final decisions on any other issues that are not included in the current competition rules.