

THE ROCHESTER SYMPHONY YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION
Application Rules

1. Applicants must be under age 22 by the date of the performance.
2. The application, entrance fee, and music upload are all done on-line. Please do not mail the information to us.
3. The competition limits participation to 20 applicants. Additional applicants will be placed on a waiting list.
4. The prepared solo should be memorized.
5. Selections should not exceed 8 minutes. Cuts are accepted. Performances that exceed 8 minutes may be cut off by a judge. In no way does this affect the score.
6. A copy of the solo part for the adjudicators should be uploaded to the website as part of the application. No paper music will be accepted on the day of the contest.
7. Applicants will be contacted 10-14 days prior to the event with their scheduled time. This information will be provided in an email. Applicants may choose a preferred block of time.
8. Applicants must provide an accompanist.
9. An application fee of \$35 is non-refundable. Please make the payment online as directed in the application.
10. It is within the prerogative of the judges not to award a prize if the applicants do not meet their expected level of excellence.
11. The winner must be available for two rehearsals and a performance with the RSO on specified date for the May concert. The prize is \$1,000 to the winner of the competition.
12. Applicants may have one person in the auditorium during the audition. No one is permitted to attend other performances on the day of the contest.
13. After an applicant has performed, they must exit the building. At no time is it permissible to approach a judge for any reason.

The competition will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo Road, Rochester, MI 48307. Use the back and follow the signs for YAC. Application deadline is January 3, 2026.