



2026 YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETITION GUIDELINES

The Guam Symphony Society cordially invites young musicians to enter the annual Young Artists Competition on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Who: Young Artists of voice, piano, strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion are invited to apply.

When: Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Where: University of Guam Fine Arts Theater.

Eligibility: Musicians must be between 6 and 18 years of age at time of audition.

How: Young Artists are to come prepared to perform one complete movement of a work or two contrasting arias. Accompanists are the responsibility of and must be provided by the young artists.

All performers are required to compete on Wednesday, January 28th to a closed panel of judges.

Categories: Contestants will be divided into the following categories: 1. Elementary – 3rd to 6th grade
2. Junior- 7th to 9th grade 3. Senior – 10th – 12th grade

Prizes: There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize awarded in each category. Decisions by the judges are final.

Winners will be announced on Friday, January 30, 2026

Awards Concert: There will be a concert for the winners of the competition on Sunday February, 8th, 2026 3pm at the University of Guam Fine Arts Theater.

Application:

1. Selected audition works must be from the standard repertoire performed in original key and/or language (unless changed by concert tradition), and performed from memory or fluently with score.
2. Vocalists should prepare two (2) arias of contrasting styles.
3. Applicants should consult with a music teacher regarding the performance selection(s).
4. Applicants must provide one (1) copy of their selection(s) for the judges with the application.
5. Applicants must submit one of recommendation with their application from their principal music teacher.
6. A digital headshot photograph of the applicant must be submitted to theguamsymphony@gmail.com with applicant's name in the subject line.
7. An entry fee of \$100 must be submitted with the application. Make checks payable to Guam Symphony Society. **You may opt to pay on the day of the competition if you email your application.** Checks or cash are accepted. Please see below.

Questions: Email to theguamsymphony@gmail.com for all matters regarding auditions.

Entry forms and all required materials must be received NO LATER than **January 23, 2026**, to allow sufficient time for audition scheduling and notification. You may pay on the day of the competition; however, the application must be received via email or in-person by January 24th.