

Young Artist Competition Application Guidelines— 2021

Applicant Eligibility

Students in grades 9–12 who are residents of Tarrant County, Texas, and who perform on string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments, or with voice, are eligible to apply to audition.

Application Deadline and Fee

The application must be submitted online no later than **February 6, 2021**.

A non-refundable application fee of \$30 must be submitted via the online payment link on the Young Artist Competition information page at www.neorchestra.org.

For applicants who prefer to pay by check, please contact the Young Artist Competition Coordinator, Lisa Book at 817 715-5978 or via email at youngartistcomp@neorchestra.org for more information.

Approved Repertoire

Music selections considered for performance with the orchestra may be:

- One or more movements of any standard concerto, or
- A single-movement work (e.g., concertino, sonatina or fantasy), or
- Multiple movements of a suite.
- Vocalists may choose one or two selections of contrasting style.

Total performance time may not exceed 15 minutes.

Availability of and Approval for Orchestral Accompaniment

Music considered for performance is subject to the availability of the orchestral accompaniment, and the Northeast Orchestra shall not incur any expense above \$200 to acquire the accompaniment.

Should the Young Artist Competition winner choose to perform repertoire for which the cost of the accompaniment exceeds \$200, he or she shall be responsible for the additional expense.

To confirm repertoire availability and eligibility, please contact the Young Artist Competition Coordinator, Lisa Book, for repertoire approval before submitting an application.

Audition Procedures *

- Auditions will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at
Peace Lutheran Church
941 West Bedford-Eules Road
Hurst, TX 76053
- Audition times will be assigned in the order of receipt of applications, and applicants will be notified of their scheduled audition time by e-mail.
- Auditions must be performed with piano accompaniment. Applicants are responsible for providing their own accompanist.
- Applicant must provide three scores for the judges' use. One of these, or the music the applicant/accompanist perform from, must be the original published piece — not a photocopy.
- All music will be returned to the applicant following the audition.
- Applicants will be notified of the competition results via email.

Scholarship Award and Finalist Recognition

The First Place Winner of the Young Artist Competition will be awarded a cash scholarship of \$500 and be invited to perform as soloist on the NEO concert scheduled for April 9, 2021. **

All other finalists will be recognized with a non-cash Excellence in Artistry award.

**Audition format is subject to change based on the evolving public health situation and regulatory requirements.*

***In case of cancellation or rescheduling, an invitation for an alternate performance may or may not be extended.*