

Idaho Falls Symphony
Young Artists Competition 2026-27
Rules and Application Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY:

- Residency requirement: Applicants must be legal residents of Idaho, or students attending high school, college or university in the state of Idaho.
- Junior Division: Students aged 18 or younger as of September 1, 2026.
- Senior Division: Students aged 19 or older (but not older than 24) as of September 1, 2026.

CHOOSING REPERTOIRE:

Only one movement of a standard concerto (or equivalent selections not exceeding fifteen (15) minutes in total duration) should be prepared. Instrumentalists and vocalists will be considered in the same pool. The repertoire must feature the soloist with standard symphony orchestra accompaniment. The selection(s) must be published and available through reliable commercial sources. The repertoire for the application must remain the same through subsequent rounds. For the application, memorization is encouraged but not required.

TO APPLY:

Submit a high-quality, live video recording via YouTube by Monday, May 4, 2026. The live recording and application will serve as the Preliminary Round of the competition. Videos should be uploaded directly to YouTube, with video settings adjusted to “**Private**,” requiring a link to view. The link should be provided along with the electronic application via email. Early applications are encouraged.

APPLICATION FEE:

An application fee of \$50 is due by May 4, 2026 with the application form. The fee covers competition expenses and is non-refundable. Please pay online when you submit your application. You should receive a confirmation email of your payment.

MAKING THE FINALS:

Students who advance through the first-round application will be asked to perform live in the Final Recital in Idaho Falls on **Saturday, September 12, 2026** (date subject to change). Only live performances in the Final Recital will be considered. Memorization and piano accompaniment are required for the Final Recital. Rehearsal time with a pianist will be arranged on the day of the Final Recital. Pianos will be available, but all other instrumentalists will be required to furnish their own instruments. If a collaborative pianist is needed for your performance, you must request one via email no later than August 1, 2026.

PRIZES FOR WINNERS:

Prizes of \$1,000 and \$500 will be awarded to the Winners of the Senior and Junior Divisions, respectively, upon completion of the final performance with orchestra. Winners will be selected based on performance in the Final Recital, and the results will be announced immediately at the end of the recital by a panel of professional judges. There will be up to one winner and one honorable mention selected from each division. The Symphony reserves the right to have no winner in one or the other (or both) divisions. The winners will perform live with the Idaho Falls Symphony on a subscription concert in 2026, which will require up to four (4) days residency in Idaho Falls. For winners traveling to Idaho Falls, a hotel room may be provided on a case-by-case basis (note that minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). A recent headshot and updated biography will be required of the winners for press and advertising purposes.