



2025-2026 Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras YOUTH TALENT AUDITIONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Application Deadline: Friday, November 14, 2025

Audition Date: Sunday, December 14, 2025

Young Artist Concerto Competition (seniors only)

The **First Place Winner** will appear as a guest soloist with the WSYO Youth Symphony at the Spring Concert on Saturday, March 7, 2026.

If a **Second Place Winner** is selected, they may appear as a guest soloist with the WSYO Repertory Orchestra or Youth Symphony at the Spring Concert on Saturday, March 7, or Sunday, March 8, 2026.

Stephen Paul Wunsch Foundation for Young Musicians Award (open to all WSYO students)

The **Stephen Paul Wunsch Foundation for Young Musicians Award** provides a \$1,200 scholarship to attend a summer music festival, such as the Interlochen Music Camp, Aspen Music Festival, Brevard Music Festival, or other comparable music camp. Previous winners of the Stephen Paul Wunsch Foundation for Young Musicians Award are ineligible to compete again.

GOVERNING REGULATIONS

- I. Each contestant must be a current member of one of the Wichita Symphony Youth Orchestras in good standing with regards to attendance, tuition/fee payment, and behavior in WSYO rehearsals, sectionals, and concerts.
- II. Young Artist Concerto Competition contestants must be high school seniors or the homeschool equivalent. The Wunsch Award is open to all WSYO students.
- III. Previous winners of the Stephen Paul Wunsch Foundation for Young Musicians Award are ineligible to compete again but may compete for the Young Artist Concerto Competition when they are seniors or the homeschool equivalent.
- IV. Young Artist Concerto Competition contestants may play one movement of a concerto or standard work for solo instrument and orchestra that is [on the Approved WSYO Youth Talent Repertoire List](#). For any work not listed, approval must be obtained from the Director of Youth Orchestras before the application is submitted. Contact youthorch@wso.org to obtain approval for works not listed on the approved WSYO Youth Talent Repertoire List.
- V. **Each contestant must pay a \$20 application fee** and must provide their own accompanist. A grand piano will be available for the audition.
- VI. All auditions must be memorized and performed with piano accompaniment. All contestants must furnish two copies of their music for the judges.
- VII. Each contestant must audition on the instrument they play with WSYO and can only audition on one instrument.
- VIII. Judges will have the right to withhold selection of a winner if, in their opinion, the quality of the audition performances do not justify the award.
- IX. Auditions will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at Wichita State University in Duerksen Fine Arts Center.
- X. All applications and fees must be submitted by Friday, November 14, 2025.