



Rochester Music Guild 2024 Scholarship Competition

Preliminaries Saturday, March 16, 2024
Finals Sunday, March 17, 2024

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The annual Competition serves as a platform for musical excellence. It aims to develop performing skills, to improve musical standards, and to identify potential musical talents by providing the opportunity for young musicians to perform in a competitive situation. Awards in each age and instrument category (piano, strings, brass/woodwinds) are to be used to further musical education.

MASTER CLASSES

There is an optional Master Class offered after the Preliminary Competitions on March 16, 2024. Each student will have the opportunity to participate in a one-hour Master Class led by a professional adjudicator with a small group of students in their division and level. We encourage all students to sign up for a Master Class.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Piano

Senior Division – Grades 10-12

Strings

Senior Division – Grades 10-12

Brass/Woodwinds

Senior Division – Grades 10-12

DATES

Preliminary Competition: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Master Classes: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Final Competition: Sunday, March 17, 2024

LOCATION

All events will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, 400 5th Avenue SW, Rochester, MN.

AWARDS

Senior Division: Piano, Strings, Brass/Woodwinds

1st Place \$600

2nd Place \$500

3rd Place \$400

ELIGIBILITY

All young musicians in grades 10-12 who live within these counties may compete: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, Winona.

WINNERS' RECITAL

The Winners' Recital will be held Sunday, April 14th, 2024 at Christ United Methodist Church, 400 5th Avenue SW, Rochester. All winners are expected to perform. This is a special celebration for winners, their families, teachers, friends, and the public, and includes a reception following the recital. Winners may be invited to perform at the Rochester Music Guild annual meeting held in the spring.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE

Specific requirements for each instrument are listed on the Rochester Music Guild website.

MINIMUM APPLICANTS REQUIRED

A minimum of seven applicants in a category is required for both Preliminary and Final Rounds to be held. For categories of six or fewer applicants, students will compete on Saturday only, and winners will be chosen on that day. Based on adjudicator recommendation, the Rochester Music Guild reserves the right to award fewer than three recipients in that category. If fewer than five applications are received for a category, we reserve the right to cancel. In the event of cancellation, applicants will be notified and fees will be refunded.

APPLICATIONS AND FEE PAYMENT

Please use PayPal, our preferred method of payment, or by check if necessary. All payments must be received by March 1, 2024. To submit your application fee, please visit www.rochestermusicguild.org/scholarship-competition and use the PayPal link, located on the lower right corner of the Scholarship Competition page.

If paying by check, please make it payable to **Rochester Music Guild** and mail it to:

Rochester Music Guild
Attn: Scholarship Chair
PO Box 5802
Rochester, MN 55903-5802

MORE INFORMATION

EMAIL: rochestermusicguildsc@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.rochestermusicguild.org