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Rochester Music Guild Scholarship Competition

Saturday, April 18, 2026

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

The annual Scholarship 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. The Music Guild annually awards multiple scholarships totaling approximately \$8250. Cash awards in each age and instrument category (piano, strings, brass/woodwinds, voice) are to be used to further musical education.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Piano

Junior Division – Grades 7-9
Senior Division – Grades 10-12

Strings

Junior Division – Grades 7-9
Senior Division – Grades 10-12

Brass/Woodwinds

Junior Division – Grades 7-9
Senior Division – Grades 10-12

Voice

Senior Division – Grades 9-12

DATES

Competition: Saturday, April 18, 2026
Winners' Recital: Sunday, April 19, 2026

LOCATION

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

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Senior Division:

Piano, Strings, Brass/Woodwinds, Voice

1 st Place	\$600
2 nd Place	\$500
3 rd Place	\$400

Junior Division:

Piano, Strings, Brass/Woodwinds

1 st Place	\$300
2 nd Place	\$250
3 rd Place	\$200

WINNERS' RECITAL

The Winners' Recital will be held Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Christ United Methodist Church. All winners are expected to perform. This is a special celebration for scholarship winners, their families, teachers, friends, and the public. Winners may be invited to perform at the Rochester Music Guild annual meeting held in the spring.

ELIGIBILITY

All young musicians (grades 7-12) who live within the 11 Southeast Minnesota counties may compete.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE

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

MINIMUM APPLICANTS REQUIRED

A minimum of five applicants in a category is required; 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. For categories of six or fewer applicants, the Rochester Music Guild reserves the right to award fewer than three scholarships in that category based on adjudicator recommendation.

APPLICATION AND FEE PAYMENT

All applications must be submitted on-line. The competition fee is \$45 and includes a Rochester Music Guild student membership. Payments can be made by PayPal (preferred method) or by check. Go to our website at www.rochestermusicguild.org/scholarship-competition to electronically submit an application. A link to PayPal is located on the lower right corner of the Scholarship Competition page.

If paying by check, send a check payable to Rochester Music Guild to:

Rochester Music Guild

Attn: Scholarship Chair

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No applications will be accepted after midnight on March 5, 2026. Entrants will receive an email acknowledgement within a week of submission. Notification of audition times will be emailed approximately two weeks before the competition. *Contact us* if you have not received an email notification by April 1, 2026.

MORE INFORMATION

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SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION CO-CHAIR: Amelia Barwise