



WSO **YOUNG** **ARTISTS** COMPETITION

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Showcase your music; perform live and win cash prizes!

Each year the Young Artists Competition is open to music students up through Grade 12 that live or take lessons in Westmoreland or Fayette County and study any of the following: piano, strings, woodwinds, brass or percussion.

Important Dates

January 10, 2025—Application and audio recordings due. Filling out the application online and emailing the recordings is highly recommended. Late entries will not be accepted. If sending by mail, send application extra early since the USPS is getting slower and less reliable.

February 2, 2025— Finals begin at 11:30 a.m.

February 9, 2025 —Winners' Recital at 2:30 p.m.

Requirements

Entrants submit an application and a recording with a minimum of two contrasting pieces from classical repertoire. Preliminary judges listen to the recordings and select finalists for the live auditions.

Winners and those earning an honorable mention will present a recital for family, friends and the public at Seton Hill University Performing Arts Center. Cash prizes are awarded. More details:

<https://westmorelandsymphony.org/young-artists-competition/>



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The Westmoreland Symphony announces the 2025 Young Artists Competition (YAC). Each year the YAC is open to music students up through Grade 12 that live or take lessons in Westmoreland or Fayette County and study any of the following: piano, strings, woodwinds, brass or percussion.

Guidelines

- Applicants must perform **two** or more contrasting pieces representing different periods of classical repertoire, highlighting both lyricism and facility.
- Performing from memory is required for pianists and encouraged for others.
- For music with accompaniment, contestant must use an accompanist for recorded and live auditions. If chosen to perform on the winners' recital, one should use the same accompanist.
- Audition audio files (no videos) must include the entire program that applicant plans to perform in the live audition.
- Finalists must provide **three** copies of their music (one for each judge), with measure numbers listed at the beginning of each line. This includes full scores for instrumentalists.

Categories

Level I (up to 10 minutes performance time)

Up to Grade 9

Piano - Instrumental

Level II (up to 15 minutes performance time)

Grades 10-12

Piano - Instrumental

Contestants may only win the top prize once per level (*i.e.*, a 1st prize winner at Level I may not enter at Level I again unless applying on another instrument).

Location

Seton Hill University Performing Arts Center

If you have questions, contact Michele Boulet at
micheleboulet@hotmail.com.

Timeline

Jan. 10 (Fri) Application materials due in WSO office, **no exceptions**. If registering via USPS, send application early! Audio files must be emailed by January 10.

Feb. 2 (Sun) Live auditions - beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 9 (Sun) Winners' Recital - 2:30 p.m.

Entry Fee/Prizes

\$15 - preliminary recorded audition

\$15 - live audition **if** contestant is accepted for final round

Cash prizes and performance in the Winners' Recital are determined by a panel of professional musicians.

Level I – 1st place \$150; 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$75

Level II – 1st place \$250; 2nd place \$200, 3rd place \$150

Prizes may or may not be given in each of the four categories, at judges' discretion.

Performance

Performance in the Winners' Recital will be determined by a panel of professional musicians. Finalists earning an Honorable Mention will also be asked to perform in the recital.

Application

Filling out the application online and emailing the recordings is highly recommended.



Scan to apply or visit
<https://westmorelandsymphony.org/young-artists-competition/>

If mailing, the entry forms and checks are **due in** the WSO office (audio files are to be emailed to micheleboulet@hotmail.com) by **3:00 p.m. on Fri., January 10, 2025 - no exceptions**.

Mail application form with check to:

Westmoreland Symphony - YAC
951 Old Salem Road
Greensburg, PA 15601

Remember to include:

- Audio files email to micheleboulet@hotmail.com
- LIST music titles on recording; DO NOT put your name on audio file (to preserve anonymity)
- \$15 Entry Fee (check payable to WSO)
- Entry form

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Entry Form

Deadline: January 10, 2025

Name _____ Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

School _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Private Teacher _____ Phone _____

Private Teacher's email address _____

Audition repertoire (title and composer) Instrument _____

_____ duration _____

_____ duration _____

_____ duration _____

Please include

- This entry form
- \$15 ENTRY FEE (check payable to WSO)
- If a particular audition time is needed, should a student proceed to the live auditions on February 2, requests should be made on this form. Please include a valid reason for the request (it must be a regularly scheduled activity).

Mail this application to:

Westmoreland Symphony Orchestra
Attn: Young Artists Competition
951 Old Salem Road
Greensburg PA 15601

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