



# 2024 Young Artist Competition Rules

## Application and Fee Due: Tuesday, January 16, 2024



Preliminary Audition Video Deadline: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Final In-Person Audition: Saturday, March 9, 2024

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Illinois Central College,

1 College Dr, East Peoria, IL 61635

### ELIGIBILITY

Must live and attend a school (homeschool included) within a 350-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois, and on a regular schedule of music lessons with a private teacher.

Must be in grades 7 – 12 as of the date of the Young Artist Competition.

Voice applicants must be at least 14 years of age or exhibit a mature tone.

May not win 1<sup>st</sup> place more than once, unless applying with a different instrument.

### APPLICATION/ENTRY FEE SUBMISSION

The application must be submitted/postmarked by Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Submit an application online [here](#) and pay the non-refundable **\$70** fee [here](#).

Print the application from here, fill it out, and mail it in with your non-refundable \$70 fee. Make checks payable to **Peoria Symphony Guild, 101 State Street, Peoria IL 61602**, or pay online [here](#).

Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the competition and emailed information on how to upload their video.

Selection must be a standard orchestral piece, from the approved repertoire list found here. Other repertoire selections are subject to approval. The selection must be a minimum of 6 minutes with a maximum of 15 minutes and **performed from memory**.

Eligible categories of the concerto are piano, voice, brass, woodwind, strings, and percussion.

### AUDITIONS

The preliminary audition will be a submission of a single, uninterrupted, unedited video of yourself performing the entire movement of your concerto/aria by memory with an accompanist. The deadline to submit is **Tuesday, February 13, 2024, by 11:59 PM**. Finalists will be notified by **Monday, February 26, 2024, by 5:00 PM**.

The final round will be in person on **Saturday, March 9, 2024**, in East Peoria Illinois. Finalists will receive instructions by email regarding their assigned practice and competition times.

The performers must provide an accompanist.

Auditions will be closed to the public.

The competition judges reserve the right to select winners of choice, and the decisions of judges are final.

Written comments from the judges will be mailed to each contestant following the competition.

### COMPETITION WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$750, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$500. A portion of these awards is made possible by the Donna Wilkinson Schwindenhammer Trust and the Peoria Symphony Guild. The winner will be required to perform one selection with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra at the Annual Student Concert on **Friday, April 19, 2024**, at 10:00 AM and 11:45 AM in the Peoria Civic Center Theater. Practice time with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra will be coordinated. The top three winners will be required to perform at the Peoria Symphony Guild Spring Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 8, 2024**, at 11:00 AM, with additional optional performance opportunities TBD.

*Rules, application, and approved repertoire are available online at*  
<https://peoriasymphony.org/events/yac/>.