



**JSYO 2025 – 2026**

## **Young Artists Competition**

**The Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras' Young Artists Competition (YAC) is dedicated to empowering and showcasing emerging young artists from the Northeast Florida area by:**

**Creating a Supportive Environment for Music Students:** Fostering a culture that promotes creativity, collaboration, diversity, and recognition among young musicians.

**Promoting Symphonic Music:** Encouraging the study and practice of symphonic music, inspiring a lifelong passion for the art form.

**Performance Opportunities:** Offering students an opportunity to perform with the Jacksonville Symphony, elevating their artistic experiences.

**Nurturing Future Artists:** Cultivating the next generation of artists in our community, enriching the vibrant Jacksonville arts ecosystem.

### **ELEGIBILITY**

1. Participants must be JSYO Philharmonic students.
2. Students must be enrolled in JSYO for the entire 2025/2026 season.
3. The previous year's winner is ineligible to participate for the next two (2) consecutive years.

### **REPERTOIRE**

1. Contestants must perform an entire solo piece, concerto or one movement, from a specific period: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Contemporary.
2. Length limit: 20 min
3. Memorization is strongly encouraged for the First and Semifinals Rounds, although not required.
4. Memorization for the Final Round is required.
5. Each contestant must arrange for piano accompaniment using piano reduction for the orchestra. A collaborative pianist is not required for the video submission, but it is for the Semifinals and Final Rounds. JSYO may provide a list of approved collaborative pianists upon request.

### **COMPETITION ROUNDS**

1. **Preliminary Round:** Video Recording via YouTube link, submitted within the application form. Contestants will be notified of their status by email a week prior to the Semifinals.
2. **Semifinals Round:** Ten (10) selected finalists are invited to perform in a live semifinal round. Results will be announced the next day via email/CutTime.
3. **Final Round:** Six (6) finalists are invited to perform a live final round in Jacoby Hall. Results will be announced on the same day, in person.

### **APPLICATION**

1. Contestants must fill out and submit an application form by the specified deadline. See last page.
2. There is no fee to participate in the JSYO Young Artists Competition.



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### JUDGES

A panel of judges, usually consisting of Jacksonville Symphony musicians, or/and other music professionals, will evaluate performances based on technique, musicianship, and overall presentation.

### AWARDS

1. **YAC Winner:** Invitation to perform as a soloist with the Jacksonville Symphony; and a monetary award.
2. **Honorable Mention Winner:** 100% Tuition Scholarship for the following JSYO Season. If the winner is a graduating senior, a monetary award will be offered in lieu of the tuition scholarship.

### Additional Requirements:

1. **Dress Code:** We encourage participants to adhere to a formal dress code for the Final round of auditions.
2. **Attendance:** Participants must attend all the competition rounds they are selected for. Failure to attend will disqualify participants. The winner is required to attend rehearsals and other events leading up to any performance opportunity.

### 20245/2026 JSYO YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION DATES AND DEADLINES:

December 8, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Application open, sent via CutTime
January 26, 2026	11:59 p.m.	Preliminary Video Round Deadline
February 16, 2026	5 p.m.	Semifinals   10 students - Chorus Room JCPA
February 23, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Final Round   6 students - Jacoby Symphony Hall JCPA

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