

2025 Concerto Competition Intent to Participate Form

The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon *Concerto Competition* provides an opportunity for eligible, current, advanced-level *Youth Symphony* musicians to compete for the privilege of performing a concerto (or excerpts) with the *Youth Symphony* in a Concert Series. It is not a recital. Musicians must be registered (all registration/release forms must be completed, signed and turned in and any applicable fees must be paid). Previous winners are not eligible.

The Youth Symphony of Southern Oregon *2025 Concerto Competition* for string and wind instrument musicians will take place at 7:30 p.m. on January 27, 2025. The winner of the *Competition* will be featured as a soloist with the *Youth Symphony* in upcoming concerts. *A completed Concerto Competition Intent to Participate Form must be received by the YSSO on or before October 27.* No extensions will be granted. Provide all the information requested. Read the eligibility criteria below prior to submitting a form.

Attach a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the YSSO. The *Concerto Competition* fee of \$25.00 is non-fundable. The fee helps defray a small portion of venue rental and adjudicator costs.

Name of Musician: _____ **Age (as of 10/27/24):** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Name(s) of Parent(s): _____

Instrument: _____

Excerpt/Work: _____ **Composer:** _____

School: _____ **Grade Level:** _____

Private Instructor Name: _____

Accompanist Name & Telephone #: _____

Signature of Musician: _____ **Date:** _____

Eligibility - To participate in the *Concerto Competition* a musician must:

- be a current, registered, advanced-level musician in *Youth Symphony*; and
- be at least 14 years old and in high school (or high school equivalent if home-schooled) or in college and under age 23 at the time the form is submitted; and
- demonstrate the technical proficiency, interpretive skills, and musical ability to win the *Concerto Competition*; and
- select and perform an excerpt from a concerto included in the standard literature or a concerto approved by the YSSO music director; and
- memorize the excerpt and work and be prepared to perform the work with the *Youth Symphony*.

Musicians who are previous winners of the competition are not eligible to participate.

The YSSO reserves the right to pre-screen applicants. This process will be under the direction of the Music Director.

Accompanist: Each participant is responsible for securing and paying an accompanist and for providing music to his/her accompanist and to the judges as per YSSO requirements and instruction.

Music/Scores: Each performance may be no longer than ten (10) minutes. The measures at which the performance begins and ends must be marked in each score. Musicians must provide one (1) original score plus a photocopy for each judge (a piano score is preferred). The music selected must be an excerpt from a concerto or other work the *Youth Symphony* might perform. Contact the YSSO music director to discuss the selection of music prior to submitting this form.

Dress: Appropriate concert dress

Concerto Competition Intent to Participate Form Receipt Deadline: October 27, 2024. Mail the completed and signed form to the executive director (YSSO, P. O. Box 4291, Medford, OR 97501). Do not bring the form to rehearsals or ask someone to turn it in on your behalf. Attach the fee payment. Questions: Contact the YSSO (541-858-8859 or info@yso.org).