

## **BRAZOSPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

### **Young Artists Competition 2016-2017 Season**

#### *Application Information*

##### **Eligibility**

Applicant must be a school aged student who is currently a resident of Brazoria county and is enrolled in either a Brazoria County accredited school or a home school program. Auditions are open for students who demonstrate exceptional musical ability who play a string, brass, wind, percussion, or piano instrument in the in the 6th- 12th grades, or is a vocalist in the 9<sup>th</sup> – 12th grades.

##### **Senior Division Competition (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

Upon completion of the audition process, a scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to the overall winner of the Senior Division, if such a winner is selected. At the discretion of the Conductor, the Senior Division winner may perform with the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra on the April 29, 2017 concert.

##### **Junior Division Competition (6th – 8th Grade)**

Upon completion of the audition process, a cash award in the amount of \$50 will be awarded to the overall winner of the Junior Division, if such a winner is selected. The cash award will be presented to the overall winner of the Junior Division at the April 29, 2017 concert. At the discretion of the Conductor, the Junior Division winner may perform with the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra on the April 29, 2017 concert.

Previous winners may participate in future competitions if they enter on a different instrument other than the one that they won previously. A winning vocalist may enter future competitions if he or she plays an instrument, or an instrumentalist may enter as a vocalist.

Applicants may only win each category once per instrument or as a vocalist.

##### **Application**

Application forms are available from BSO website at <http://www.bcfas.org/symphony> or from the office of the Brazosport Center for the Arts and Sciences located at 400 College Blvd., Clute, Texas (phone: (979) 265-7661). Only applicants using a completed, official form will be considered.

##### **Application Fee**

A non-refundable application fee of \$15.00 must be included at the time that the application is submitted. Checks or money orders should be made payable to:  Brazosport Symphony Orchestra.

### Competition Information

Contestants will receive either written or electronic confirmation of their application with performance time and directions to the contest site approximately one week before the completion date. Contestants are responsible for providing their own accompanist at contestant's expense.

### Selection

Applicants must attend the auditions on Thursday March 23, 2017 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at The Clarion Choir Room located on the campus of Brazosport College. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate ability and musicianship.

Instrumentalists will present an individual piece or a single movement of a concerto, not exceeding 12 minutes, to demonstrate talent and overall ability. The contestant must perform with piano or other accompaniment provided at his or her expense. Memorization is optional.

Vocalists will present one or two prepared pieces not exceeding a total 12 minutes duration to demonstrate talent and overall ability. The contestant may perform with piano or other accompaniment provided at his or her expense. Memorization is optional. Note to vocalists: The BSO performs classical and popular music that is arranged for a vocalist accompanied by a full orchestra. Selecting music that is readily accessible for a traditional orchestra is a better choice.

In the case of works that are outside of this scope, please contact the committee for approval prior to submission of application.

All audition pieces must have a standard orchestral accompaniment readily available. Please consult your music teacher to ensure that your selection is within these guidelines.

The conductor will be the final decision on all matters of the competition including eligibility and awards.