Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Application Information
Whit Phillips Memorial Young Artist Competition
2021 - 2022 Season

Eligibility

Applicant must be a school student (grades K-12) who plays an instrument (string, brass, wind, percussion, or piano) or a vocalist who is currently enrolled at a Brazoria County Texas school, or is a resident of Brazoria County participating in an accredited home-schooling program. **Note:** Previous winners in each category may only reapply every-other year on the same instrument.

Application

Forms and instructions can be downloaded at [www.bcfas.org/symphony](http://www.bcfas.org/symphony). A non-refundable application fee of $25.00 must be attached at the time the application is submitted. Only applicants submitting a fully completed official form with application fee will be considered. **Application deadline is January 12, 2022.**

Completed applications should be mailed to: Brazosport Symphony Orchestra
Whit Phillips Memorial Young Artist Competition
The Center for the Arts and Sciences
400 College Blvd.
Clute, TX  77531

Auditions

Applicants must attend the auditions on **Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.** in The Clarion Concert Hall located on the campus of Brazosport College.

- Contestants will present a prepared selection **lasting not more than 12 minutes** to demonstrate talent and overall ability.
- The contestant is encouraged to perform with a piano or other accompaniment provided at their own expense. **Memorization is optional.**
- All audition pieces must have standard orchestral arrangements that are readily and reasonably financially available for BSO use.
- If selected to perform with the Orchestra, winners must be available for rehearsals and performances with the Orchestra on the following dates: April 21, 28, May 5 and 6 (rehearsals begin at 7:00 p.m.). On May 7, 2022, the day of the performance, there will be both an afternoon dress rehearsal and an evening performance. Unless otherwise communicated, all rehearsals are at The Clarion. Any exceptions to the rehearsal schedule must be communicated to and pre-approved by the conductor.

Awards

Cash awards are available for category winners in each of two divisions. The junior division is open to those from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Senior division is open to those in Grades 9 – 12. Categories include string, brass, wind, percussion, vocal and piano. Each division’s category winner will be eligible for a $100.00 cash prize.

The winner selected to receive the Young Artist of the Year will receive a $1000.00 prize. Those who compete may, at the discretion of the conductor, be offered the opportunity to play on stage with Brazosport Symphony Orchestra on the night of the presentations, **May 7, 2022.**
Please type/print all information. Answers may be on a separate sheet of paper.

Name: ______________________________________________________________________________

Home Address: _______________________________________________________________________

E-mail: ___________________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Date of Birth: ___________________ School: ______________________________________________

Grade: ________________________ Instrument: ___________________________________________

Music Teacher(s) _____________________________________________________________________

Please briefly answer the following questions:

1-What are your career goals or future plans?

2-Where do you plan to study?

3-List activities, honors, achievements (attach an additional page if necessary):

4-Name of prepared audition piece and composer:
By signing, I am agreeing to the Application Terms. To my knowledge, the information on this application is correct. I am a Brazoria County resident. I understand that I must perform for the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Whit Phillips Memorial Young Artist Competition Committee with accompaniment (as desired) at my own expense. I agree to abide by the decision of the judges which will be final. If chosen as a winner and if invited to perform at the concert scheduled on May 7, 2022, I agree to the rehearsal schedule with Brazosport Symphony Orchestra (7:00 p.m. on April 21, 28, May 5 and 6). The soloist’s performance selection and rehearsal schedule will be coordinated with Brian Casey, Brazosport Symphony Orchestra’s Conductor and Musical Director. By submitting this application, I consent to have my photo taken. I release all rights and ownership of my photo and biography to BSO. The photo and biographical information may be used for publicity purposes.

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