



Merit Scholarship Competition 2021

About the Competition

The annual Cape Symphony Merit Scholarship Competition serves as a platform for music excellence. It helps to support and develop the performing skills of talented musicians enrolled at the Cape Symphony in music lessons and classes at a variety of levels.

Competition Categories

Piano

Elementary Division – Ages 8 and under
Junior Division – Ages 9 to 11
Junior 2 Division – Ages 12 to 14
Senior Division – Ages 15 to 18

Strings /Guitar

Elementary Division – Ages 8 and under
Junior Division – Ages 9 to 13
Senior Division – Ages 14 to 18

Instrumental (Brass/Percussion/Winds)

Elementary Division – Ages 8 and under
Junior Division – Ages 9 to 13
Senior Division – Ages 14 to 18

Voice

Elementary Division – Ages 8 and under
Junior Division – Ages 9 to 13
Senior Division – Ages 14 to 18

Late Beginners & Lifelong Students - Instrumental & Voice

Open to all adult students

Dates & Locations

Auditions – Sunday, May 23, 2021

West Barnstable Campus | 9:00am – TBD

Dress Rehearsal – Friday, June 4, 2021

Falmouth Campus | 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Honors Recital

All scholarship winners will perform in a showcase recital on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 2:00pm at the Falmouth campus.

Students who accept a scholarship award must perform in the Honors Recital. Therefore, all students registered for the competition should hold the date on their calendars, and schedule their time accordingly, to accommodate attending the entire recital. **Any student scholarship recipient that does not perform at the Honors Recital and attend the entire recital in support of other students will forfeit their award.**

**Please note applicants must be available for all dates listed – Audition, Dress Rehearsal and Honors Recital. There will be no exceptions or alternate dates.*

****All components of the competition will be carried out according to public health recommendations. This includes, but is not limited to: capacity limits, social distancing, masks worn by judges, audience members, and musicians, when possible. Wind instruments and vocalists will be provided with protective shields. ****

Scholarship Awards

Award quantities and amounts will be determined based upon number of applicants, per category, as well as budgetary considerations.

Eligibility

All competitors must be currently registered and in good standing, at Cape Symphony.

All competitors must have a recommendation signed by their Symphony instructor to participate in the competition.

Scholarship awards will be applied to tuition payments in the following academic cycle.

Students who are seniors in high school will receive cash awards that may be used towards musical enrichment during the following summer or subsequent college study.

Minimum Applicants Required

A minimum of at least three students must be entered in each category. If fewer than three applicants apply, more than one category may be combined. All students will be given the opportunity to audition. The quantity of awards given, per category, is based on the number of applicants.

Single Elimination Audition Process

Students will perform in a closed audition. A maximum of ten minutes will be allowed for each audition. Judges may stop the student if the performance exceeds the maximum time allowed.

Students will receive positive, constructive comments from judges in written format through their individual instructors.

Requirements

Competitors should be prepared to perform one polished piece of repertoire that effectively demonstrates the student's musical and technical abilities. The choice of repertoire will be at the teacher's discretion, but will be pre-approved by the scholarship committee.

Competitors should prepare no more than two (2) full works. Competitors must prepare their music in its entirety, as the judges will select what they would like to hear during the audition. Competitors may begin with the selection of their choice, but will be asked to play different excerpts of the prepared selection(s).

All competitors must submit the application form no later than May 7, 2021. Students who wish to utilize the Symphony's accompanist MUST submit the accompanist music with the application. Competitors who do not provide accompanist music by this deadline must provide their own accompanist at their own expense. The Symphony will communicate the audition schedule to all competitors by May 14, 2021.

All students are ***strongly encouraged*** to memorize their pieces. While memorization is not required for participation in the Merit Scholarship Competition, judges will be taking it into consideration, as they assess student preparedness.

The student should not cut any part of the composition to remain within the ten-minute time limit. If the performance will exceed the limit, the judge will indicate when the student will stop. The student should be prepared to perform the entire piece.

An accompanist will be provided by Cape Symphony, but competitors are encouraged to bring their own. In this case, the student will be responsible for payment of the services of their own accompanist.

Each student will be allowed ten-minutes of warm up time in a practice room before the audition.

Audition Procedure

1. Competitors should check in at the registration table, where they will be directed to their warm up rooms.
2. Competitors must keep track of their own time and be outside the audition room at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.
3. Competitors will then check in with the performance room monitor, who will announce the student to the judges.

Judging

Judges will be chosen from a broad range of disciplines at the discretion of Cape Symphony: piano, bowed strings, guitar, voice, etc.

1. Students must supply an original copy plus one copy of their music. Measures should be numbered. The copies must be left with the judges and will be destroyed by CS.
2. Judges reserve the right to hear only a portion of the contestant's prepared compositions.
3. Only the judges will be present at the student's audition.
4. If the judges feel that there are no appropriately prepared students in a given category, the judges reserve the right to not grant an award in that category.
5. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Judges decisions are final.
6. All contestant comment sheets will be provided to their instructors.

Scholarship Winners will be notified by email and/or phone, and announced on the Cape Symphony website by **Tuesday, May 25, 2021.**



**Confirmation of Receipt and Acceptance of
Honors Recital Attendance and Performance Requirements**

- All scholarship winners will perform in a showcase recital on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 2:00pm in Falmouth
- Students who accept a scholarship award must perform in the Honors Recital and attend the entire recital in support of other students. All award winners must also attend the entire dress rehearsal on Friday, June 4 at 5:00pm in Falmouth.
- Any merit scholarship recipient that does not perform and attend both the dress rehearsal and the Honors Recital will forfeit their award.

Student's Name

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I have received, read, and understand the above requirements regarding student attendance and participation in the Cape Symphony's Merit Scholarship Honors Recital on June 6, 2021. By signing below, I agree to the terms as stated.

Parent/Guardian's Name (n/a for adult students)

Parent/Guardian Signature (self, if adult student)

Date

****Please return this signed form to the Symphony by May 7, 2021****