

ILLINOIS SYMPHONY GUILD
OF BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL

PRIVATE LESSON SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

(Application deadline is Monday, April 22, 2024) – no exceptions)

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

404 N. Prairie St.

Bloomington, IL. 61701

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

The following private lesson scholarships will be awarded:

GRADES 8-11: Orchestral Instruments

(strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, piano)

1ST PLACE: \$500; 2ND PLACE: \$400; 3RD PLACE: \$300

***(When possible, these monetary awards might be higher than listed here)**

GUIDELINES

Auditions are open to all students who live in McLean County, who are presently in grades 8-11 and who are members of their school orchestra or band; or who play in the Bloomington Normal Youth Symphony; and who are McLean County students of Illinois Symphony Orchestra musicians. This year we will select 15 participants to audition based upon their application information and recommendation letter from their music teacher or director.

Previous 1st place winners can not audition unless on a different instrument. No previous winner having won in two consecutive years will be eligible to audition.

Participants are required to perform one piece of their own choosing up to 5 minutes in length.

Students must perform with LIVE accompaniment and provide their own accompanist unless the music was originally composed as an unaccompanied piece.

Students must supply two (2) complete copies of the music for the judges, including accompaniment. The music should include measure numbering to assist the judges in their comments.

Students will be judged according to the criteria in the IHSA adjudication form: tone quality, intonation, technique, rhythm, musicianship, bowing (strings); articulation (winds); other performance factors (appearance, choice of literature, poise, posture, general conduct). Piano: also to include finger dexterity, note accuracy, pedaling, tone/touch control, phrasing, dynamics.

Electronic media submissions will not be accepted in place of this audition.

Students will be provided fifteen (15) minutes of warmup time prior to the audition.

Selected participants will be notified of their audition times by Tuesday, April 23, 2024. .

Applications must be received by the application deadline of Monday, April 22, 2024, and sent by email to: Marilyn Mertz, ISO Scholarship Audition Chair: cloud7mm@aol.com

If you have questions please contact Marilyn Mertz at 217-454-1230 or cloud7mm@aol.com.

HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PIANO APPLICANTS

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