

# POTOMAC VALLEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

## SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION

The Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra is pleased to announce our Annual Solo/Concerto Competition on **March 1, 2026**. The competition will be an ***In-Person*** event with selected participants performing their contest pieces with piano accompaniment before a live audience and a panel of judges. This is an exciting and rewarding opportunity for our PVYO students.

Competition Divisions:

Concerto Competition Division	School Grades	Other Requirements  <i>Note: Your current year counts as one year.</i>	Entry Criteria  <i>Unless otherwise noted, the selection must be a single movement from a Concerto, Sonata, or other Concerto-type work*</i>	Division Winner - Award
Junior A	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active member of PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo 3-7 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100 Cash Award</li> </ul>
Junior B	7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active member of PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo 3-7 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100 Cash Award</li> </ul>
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Honors	9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> year, active member of PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100 Cash Award</li> </ul>
Intermediate	9-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum: 2 years in PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$200 Cash Award</li> </ul>
Senior	Graduating Seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum: 2 years in PVYO in good standing.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo or movement of a concerto 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$750 Cash Award</li> </ul>
Leon Martysz, Jr. Memorial	Graduating Seniors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum: 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year of PVYO in good standing.</li> <li>Planning to major in any Music field.</li> </ul>	Perform a solo or movement of a concerto 5-10 minutes in length.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1000</li> </ul>

### Important Considerations:

Preliminary submissions should be submitted without accompaniment.

All entries should be submitted by **Friday, January 15, 2026**, using the Google Form link below.

Concerto Competition Submission - Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/Z9ugHPQM58bsjYfg8>

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# PVYO SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES

## PVYO SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION PARAMETERS:

The Competition will consist of two rounds:

### VIDEO SUBMISSION ROUND – Deadline: Submitted by Friday, January 15, 2026

The first round will be a Video round with a submission of the applicant performing his/her selection **without** accompaniment. All applications/entries must be submitted using the Concerto Competition Google Form Link by January 15, 2026. Incomplete entries will not be considered. Applicants selected for the Final round will be notified by **February 3, 2026** after review of the recorded performances.

YouTube link guidelines below:

- YouTube link submissions must be done in one continuous take; a straight run through performance with no cuts or pastes.
- A date and time stamp must be visible at all times on the recording, or, if no stamp is available, an analog clock with a sweeping second hand must be visible on the recording at all times.
- Please mark “unlisted” in your YouTube settings to give us permission to view the video.

### FINAL ROUND – 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2026 – Potter Violins, 7711 Eastern Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

Finalists will play for the performance round with an accompanist. **It will be the sole responsibility of the contestant to secure accompaniment for this round**, though PVYO will assist in finding qualified accompanists upon request. This round will be performed live before an audience and will be assessed by a panel of judges. The decision of the adjudicators is final. In the event that either of the chosen winners cannot fulfill his/her performance commitment, the Music Director reserves the right to either choose or deny an alternate finalist.

## PVYO SOLO/CONCERTO COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- The Solo/Concerto Competition is open to students who have been active PVYO members in good standing for the number of years required for the division.
- As a member in good standing, students should have been PVYO members for the full season, submitted all paperwork and fees, and completed the student responsibilities for the year.
- The music performed must meet the requirements for the division.
- The contestant must complete and submit the required application/Google Form, YouTube link, and non-refundable \$40.00 application fee. (Link to PayPal is in the Google Form.)
- The Performance round is an actual concert event; **Contestants should wear PVYO Concert Dress as notated in the PVYO Membership Guidelines.**
- Performing from memory is encouraged, but OPTIONAL.
- Any student making Finals MUST submit the same work they were accepted on in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round.
- Beginning in the 2020-2021 Concert Season, any previous year winners will not be eligible to compete if they are still in the same division. Those students must take one year off from competition. Previous year winners may compete if they aged up to a new division.
- Please email Jennifer Mitchell at [executive\\_director@pvyo.org](mailto:executive_director@pvyo.org) if you have any questions.