

**Butler County Symphony Orchestra
Association
2026 COLLEGIATE CONCERTO
COMPETITION
Rules and Regulations**



General Information:

An invitation is extended to instrumentalists and vocalists to participate in the Butler County Symphony Orchestra Association Collegiate Concerto Competition on Sunday, January 25, 2025, from 1:00PM-4:00PM. The Competition will be held at Swope Music Hall, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA. The winner of the Competition will perform with the Butler County Symphony Orchestra, on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 7:30PM

Performer Qualifications:

The Competition is open to instrumentalists and vocalists who are high school graduates, not exceeding 25 years of age, and is a resident of Butler County or a non-Butler County resident student who is currently attending Grove City College, Slippery Rock University, or Westminster College. Butler County residents may be attending school at any location.

Competition Rules:

1. Applications must be submitted by December 8, 2025 at midnight.
2. The piece performed at the Competition must be the same piece performed with the BCSO if chosen as winner, subject to approval of the Music Director.
3. **Time limit for all soloists is 15 minutes.** No exceptions. Instrumentalists must prepare one or more movements of a concerto or any piece with orchestral accompaniment, not to exceed 15 min. (A full concerto may be played if it does not exceed the time limit.) Vocalists must prepare 3-4 arias or a song cycle with orchestral accompaniment, not to exceed 15 min.
4. Musicians must upload an initial screening video of the prepared piece with their application due December 8th.
5. Musicians must provide their own accompanist for the video and Competition on January 25, 2025.
6. The piece(s) performed must have an orchestral accompaniment available for rental by the Symphony.
7. Four (4) copies of the music being performed must be provided for the judges at the Competition (Photocopies are acceptable)

Winner Expectations:

1. The winner will be announced at the completion of the Competition.
2. The winner must be available to perform with the Butler County Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 7:30PM and attend evening rehearsals, as decided by the Music Director.
3. The winner will be awarded \$1,000.00 and will need to provide a headshot and bio to our Executive Director by February 1, 2026 (edesantis@butlersymphony.org)
4. The winner will need to schedule a recording session with the Symphony videographer for publicity on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at the Butler Symphony Office. The winner will need to have their accompanist at the recording session and will be given a copy of the professional recording.