



***Guidelines for  
Sierra Symphony Young Artists Concert Auditions 2025-2026  
An opportunity to audition to perform as a soloist with Sierra Symphony***

This year the Sierra Symphony is pleased to announce that we will be **awarding \$500** to each of the young artists selected to perform a concerto movement with the symphony. The students selected to perform must meet all requirements listed in the guidelines, including attending the audition, attending the designated rehearsals, and performing with the Sierra Symphony on Sunday, April 26, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., with warmup prior to the concert.

- Auditions are open to students of any instrument.
- The student must be a resident of El Dorado County or study with a teacher in El Dorado County.
- Students must be between 11 and 18 years of age as of February 7, 2026.
- More than one soloist (3 maximum\*), or alternatively no soloist, may be selected at the discretion of the judges.  
\*The maximum of 3 soloists can be adjusted if 2 students share 1 or 2 movements of a double concerto, so that no more than 3 concerto movements are performed in the concert. The following guideline, "If very short, two movements may be played instead," still applies.
- The student will prepare a solo piece consisting of one concerto movement or other piece from the standard repertoire. If very short, two movements may be played instead. The audition piece must be written for soloist and orchestra and must be the work to be performed at the concert. Orchestra parts must be available for rental or purchase. The orchestra will cover the cost of orchestra parts, if needed, up to \$300. Any remaining balance will be the responsibility of the soloist. For a list of available concertos in the Symphony's current library, please email a request to the Young Artist Coordinator at [youngartists@sierrasymphony.org](mailto:youngartists@sierrasymphony.org).
- Student's name, age, instrument, title of the piece, opus number or Köchel number, movement and composer should be submitted to the Young Artist Coordinator at [youngartists@sierrasymphony.org](mailto:youngartists@sierrasymphony.org) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, January 9, 2026, so we can check for availability of parts. Please give as much information as possible about the piece.
- Application form along with a non-refundable application fee of \$20 must be submitted to Sierra Symphony at P.O. Box 183, Placerville, CA 95667 no later than Friday, January 9, 2026.
- Auditions will be held at Foothills United Methodist Church, 3301 Green Valley Road, Rescue, CA, on Saturday, February 7, 2026. Applicants will be informed by email of the time. Students selected to perform with the orchestra will be notified within a week after their audition. The concert will be held at 3:00 p.m., April 26, 2026, at Foothills United Methodist Church, Rescue, CA.
- The student may use sheet music, if needed, but is encouraged to play from memory at the concert. The student must bring five (5) photocopies of the chosen piece to the audition for the judges' use. Four copies will be returned; one copy will be retained by the Conductor.
- Entry forms may be obtained from the student's music teacher or on our website: <https://sierrasymphony.org>
- Students selected as soloists must be available for Wednesday evening rehearsals which may include March 25, April 8, April 15, April 22, and Friday, April 24, 2026.