

Dear Music Teachers and Friends of the Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra,

We're happy to announce that we will again be having a Young Artists' Competition for musicians up to the age of 20 who live in the southwestern and west central area of Minnesota.

We are inviting young musicians to audition for a chance to perform with our orchestra at our Spring Concert on **Saturday evening, May 11**. A monetary prize of up to \$500 will be awarded to the selected winner or winners who will share the prize.

For the audition the following requirements must be met:

1. Applicants must audition and perform music chosen from the list provided, or receive prior approval for a different selection prior to the audition.
2. Applicants must supply their own accompanist for the competition.
3. Any student who is chosen to perform must audition with the same piece she or he plans to perform. There is a ten-minute audition limit, including cadenzas, although the piece may be longer to perform.
4. Students must not be over the age of 20 on the day of the concert.
5. Past winners of the competition are not eligible to audition.
6. Either instrumental or vocal musicians are welcome to audition. The performance with the orchestra is an acoustic event, without amplification.
7. Memorized auditions are encouraged, but not required.
8. These are closed auditions. Competitor and judges only.
9. If the student is chosen to perform with the orchestra, he or she must be available to rehearse with the orchestra at the dress rehearsal, and on several Tuesday evenings in March, April or May as arranged by the musical director of the orchestra.
10. The winner(s) of the competition will be notified by phone to secure a commitment to the rehearsals and performance. This communication must be held confidential by all parties involved for 24 hours. Then all of the students will be notified by email.

Concert date: Saturday, May 11, 7:00 PM. Call 6:30 PM.

Dress rehearsal (required): Friday, May 10, 7:00 PM

Auditions will be held on **January 22, 2019** at the WEAC auditorium. Exact times for the late afternoon auditions will be determined after the application deadline.

APPLICATION FORMS MUST REACH ONE OF THE ADDRESSES BELOW BY Friday, DECEMBER 14, 2018.

Please fill out the application for each student applying and return the form/s to:

Marie Nelson

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Or submit the form on-line to harvey.marie.nelson@gmail.com. For further information go to www.willmarorchestra.com or phone 320 222-6185.