

Young Artist Competition

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra announces our annual **Young Artist Competition**. The competition is available in two categories – a Senior Division for high school students and a Junior Division for pre-high school students. The competition is open to students of piano, winds, brass, percussion, strings and voice, and who reside in Northern Michigan between the 45th Parallel and the Straits of Mackinac, or students affiliated with a member of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO).

The competition will be held at the **Petoskey United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 19, 2026 beginning at 2:00 PM**. Performers are asked to gather from 1:00-1:30 PM to make sure all are ready to perform.

Application forms are available from instrumental and vocal teachers in the area, the GLCO office or online at glcorchestra.org/education/yac. Students are encouraged to speak with their teachers or to contact GLCO for additional information at (231) 487-0010 or info@glcorchestra.org.

Deadline for entry: Contestants must submit a completed application form, along with a **\$15.00 non-refundable application fee** made payable to the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. Applications must reach the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra office, 219 E. Lake Street, Petoskey, 49770 by **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**

Requirements:

1. Work(s) to be performed:
 - a. **Instrumentalists:** a complete movement or composition for which an orchestral arrangement is available.
 - b. **Vocalists:** two compositions, at least one in a foreign language - one of which must have an orchestral arrangement.
2. Each contestant is to provide an accompanist or an accompaniment with an appropriate device for playing at the contestant's expense.
3. **Three copies of the piece(s) performed must be supplied for the judges with measures numbered.** Photocopies are acceptable. All copies will be returned to the performers.
4. Target performance time between 5 and 10 minutes.
5. Music memorization is encouraged.

Music scholarships are awarded to the top two contestants in each division. Winners may be invited to perform with the GLCO.

Contestants will be notified of their individual performance times within a week following the deadline date. Audition times will be randomly selected and may be negotiated. A warm-up room will be provided prior to the audition time. The competition will be held before a live audience. Thank you in advance for your cooperation! For additional information, please contact the office of Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra at (231) 487-0010 or info@glcorchestra.org.