



## **BRAZOSPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA APPLICATION**

### **Whit Phillips Memorial Young Artist Competition**

**2023-2024 Season**

Please type/print all information. Answers may be on a separate sheet of paper.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address, City \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parents E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Music Teacher(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be bringing an accompanist? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, please provide name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

1-What are your career goals or future plans?

2-Where do you plan to study?

3-List activities, honors, achievements (attach an additional page if necessary):

4-Name of prepared audition piece, movement, and composer:

Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_

By signing, I am agreeing to the Application Terms. To my knowledge, the information on this application is correct. I am a Brazoria County resident. I understand that I must perform for the Brazosport Symphony Orchestra Whit Phillips Memorial Young Artist Competition Committee with accompaniment (as desired) at my own expense. I agree to abide by the decision of the judges which will be final. If chosen as a winner and if invited to perform at the concert scheduled on **April 6, 2024**, I agree to the rehearsal schedule with Brazosport Symphony Orchestra, 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, 21, 28, April 4, and Friday April 5. The soloist's performance selection and rehearsal schedule will be coordinated with Brian Casey, Brazosport Symphony Orchestra's Conductor. By submitting this application, I consent to have my picture taken. I release all rights and ownership of my picture and biography to BSO. My photo and biographical information may be used in print and on social media for BSO concert publicity purposes.

Send completed application to:

**Brazosport Symphony Orchestra  
Whit Phillips Memorial Young Artist Competition  
The Center for the Arts and Sciences  
400 College Blvd.  
Clute, Texas 77531**

***Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 12, 2024, or hand delivered to The Center for the Arts and Sciences not later than Friday, January 12, 2024.***

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**Eligibility**

Applicant must be a school student, grades K-12, who plays an instrument; string, brass, wind, percussion, piano, or a vocalist, who is currently enrolled at a Brazoria County Texas school, or is a resident of Brazoria County participating in an accredited home-schooling program. **Note:** Previous winners in each category may only reapply every-other year on the same instrument. The winners of the Young Artist of the Year are not eligible to reapply.

**Application**

Forms and instructions can be downloaded at **[www.bcfas.org/symphony](http://www.bcfas.org/symphony)**. A non-refundable application fee of \$25.00 must be attached at the time the application is submitted. Checks made payable to **BSO** or **Brazosport Symphony Orchestra**. Only applicants submitting a fully-completed official form with application fee will be considered. **Application deadline is Friday, January 12, 2024.**

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**Auditions**

Applicants must attend the auditions on **Sunday, January 28, 2024**, in The Clarion located on the campus of Brazosport College.

- Contestants will present a standard movement from a concerto/solo piece, **lasting not more than 12 minutes** to demonstrate talent and overall ability.
- All audition pieces must have standard orchestral accompaniments that are readily, and reasonably financially, available for BSO use. If you are unsure if your selection qualifies, please email the conductor, Brian Casey, at [iplaydbass@hotmail.com](mailto:iplaydbass@hotmail.com).
- The contestant is required to perform with a piano, or other accompaniment, provided at his/her own expense. **Memorization is optional.**
- If selected to perform with Brazosport Symphony Orchestra, winners must be available for rehearsals and performances with the Orchestra on the following dates: Thursdays - March 7, 21, 28, April 4, and Friday April 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. On April 6, the day of the concert, there will be both an afternoon rehearsal and evening performance. Unless otherwise communicated, all rehearsals are at The Clarion. Any exceptions to the rehearsal schedule must be pre-approved by the conductor.

**Awards**

Cash awards are available for winners in each category of the Senior and Junior divisions. A Junior division is open to those from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Senior division is open to those in Grades 9 – 12. Categories include string, brass, wind, percussion, vocal and piano. Each division's category winner will be eligible for a \$100.<sup>00</sup> cash prize.

The Overall winners of the Senior and Junior Division are each eligible for a \$500.<sup>00</sup> prize. The winner selected to receive the Young Artist of the Year is eligible to receive a \$1000.<sup>00</sup> prize. Those who compete may, at the discretion of the conductor, be offered the opportunity to play on stage with Brazosport Symphony Orchestra at the Young Artist concert, **April 6, 2024.**