# Application and Requirements
# Frieda Schumacher – Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra
# Young Artists Competition – Saturday, January 16, 2027

| Name | | Instrument/Voice |
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| Home Address | | |
| City/State | Zip Code | Phone |
| Email address | Age | Grade |
| School | School Address | |
| Accompanist (for scheduling purposes) | Phone | Email Address |
| Private Instructor | Phone | Email Address |
| Selection to be Performed<br>(Include K. #, Op., date of composition for contemporary work) | | Composer |
| Duration of the Selection | | Publisher of Orchestral Materials |

See below for the requirements governing this competition.

Written approval from the applicant's private instructor must be included with the signed application form and mailed to Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, P.O. Box 16251, Cleveland, Ohio 44116 or emailed to **info@clevephil.org**. Applications must be postmarked or received by email no later than **December 30, 2026**.

Please check all boxes that apply:

- ☐ Ohio is the State of my legal residence.
- ☐ I am enrolled in an accredited Ohio High School or Middle School and live in Ohio during the school year.
- ☐ I am home-schooled.

Wherever possible, student and accompanist scheduling conflicts will be considered when assigning audition times. Please indicate below your preference for _____A.M. _____P.M.

*I will participate in the competition according to the requirements established by the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra.*

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Signature of the Applicant Date

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## Requirements

**Eligibility:**

1. Students must be residents of the state of Ohio and in grades 7-12 and is open to all instruments, including piano and voice.
2. Contestants must have written approval from the student's private teacher and the written approval **MUST** accompany the application. No application will be accepted without both the application and instructor's approval letter.
3. Instrumental contestants should be prepared to perform a **full-length** concerto, or other suitable piece, drawn from the standard concerto repertoire **from memory**. Singers may choose an aria or group of arias or art songs with orchestral accompaniment, with a minimum overall performance time of 12 minutes. (Note: The selection performed in concert is subject to the approval of the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, and it is the responsibility of the student to verify the availability of orchestral materials for the selection to be performed.)
4. Previous winners of the Frieda Schumacher Young Artist Competition may not re-apply for the competition in subsequent years.
5. Applications must be postmarked or emailed by **December 30, 2026.** No entry will be accepted after the deadline. The signed application form and instructor's approval should be sent to the following address: **Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, c/o Maria Fesz, Post Office Box 16251, Cleveland, Ohio 44116** or emailed to **info@clevephil.org**

**Auditions:**

Auditions will be held in the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Rocky River, Ohio on Saturday, January 16, 2027. Audition times will be assigned by e-mail. Scheduling requests will be accommodated if possible.

1. Each student **must** arrange for their own accompanist. The accompanist **must be present** at the competition in order for the student to perform.
2. Contestants must provide **three** piano scores for the judges.
3. The decision of the judges is final. Judges reserve the right to withhold prizes if no contestants are deemed qualified.
4. The winner **must** be prepared and available to rehearse with the orchestra at times designated by the music director. Rehearsals are held at Trinity Cathedral Episcopal Church (2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115) on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The winner will perform with the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday, May 1st (7:30 PM) and Sunday, May 2nd (3:00 PM).

For further information email **info@clevephil.org**

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