

Young Artists Competition Information

Application deadline: December 23, 2009

Audition date: January 9, 2010

Eligibility

The competition is open to instrumentalists who will not yet have graduated from High School at the time of the audition. Students should reside in and/or attend school in a community served by McKeesport Symphony Pops. Previous first-place winners are not eligible in consecutive years.

Repertoire

Applicants should prepare a concerto, movement of a concerto or other work written with orchestral accompaniment. Orchestral parts must be readily available. Audition pieces should be at least ten minutes in length but must not exceed 20 minutes. Music must be memorized and be accompanied.

Prizes

- 1st Prize: \$200 savings bond and a guest appearance with the McKeesport Symphony Pops
- 2nd Prize: \$150 savings bond.
- 3rd Prize: \$100 savings bond

Judges

A panel of judges, consisting of prominent Pittsburgh area musicians, will audition the candidates. Each candidate will receive a copy of comments from each judge.

Application procedure

The application form is on page two of this document. Complete the application and mail it, along with the required enclosures, to: **McKeesport Symphony Pops Young Artists Competition, P.O. Box 354, McKeesport, PA 15134-0354.** *Remember that the application deadline is December 23, 2009.*

Required enclosures:

1. Letter of recommendation from your current teacher
2. List of works you have performed in public, including location and date
3. Copy of music (solo part only)
4. \$20.00 non-refundable application fee made payable to "McKeesport Symphony Society."

Audition procedure

When your application is received, you will be notified of your audition time. **Auditions will take place on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the McKeesport Area High School auditorium, 1960 Eden Park Blvd., McKeesport. Audition accompanist must be provided by the applicant.** Warm-up rooms will be available for you and your accompanist.

Questions:

If you have questions regarding the application or audition process, please call the office at 412-664-2854.

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(Please print or type)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

School/Grade _____ Instrument _____

Work to be performed: _____

Private Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Required signatures:

Applicant _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Private Teacher _____