



Young Instrumentalist Prize 2024

Application Information

BACKGROUND

Queensland Symphony Orchestra is proud to present the 25th edition of *Young Instrumentalist Prize* (YIP), a competition designed to encourage talented Queensland secondary school students along their music pathways. It has launched the performing dreams of many young musicians. The competition is open to all Queensland secondary school students studying an orchestral instrument (including saxophone but not including keyboard instruments) at a level equivalent to AMEB Grade 8 or higher. Students from regional and remote Queensland are encouraged to apply. If selected for the Young Instrumentalist Prize Finalist Recital, travel costs for students whose primary residence is outside South East Queensland (as defined by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology) may be subsidised by Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

Applicants will submit a video audition in February 2024. Six finalists will be selected from these submissions and will perform in the YIP Finalists' Recital: a public performance held at the QSO Studio in South Bank, Brisbane on Saturday 4 May 2024. A winner will be determined from this recital and will be given the opportunity to work with Queensland Symphony Orchestra in 2024. All six finalists will receive a combination of cash prizes and mentoring opportunities from Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

KEY DATES

Initial applications open	Monday 16 October 2023
Initial applications close	11.59PM, Monday 13 November 2023
Recorded audition submission date	11.59PM, Friday 2 February 2024
YIP 2024 finalists will be notified	Monday 26 March 2024
YIP 2024 Finalists' Recital	6.30PM, Saturday 4 May 2024

FINALIST PRIZES

First prize	\$5,000
Second prize	\$3,000
Third prize	\$2,000
Fourth prize	\$1,000
Fifth prize	\$500
Sixth prize	\$500

**All prize money is in AUD. Any prize money received must be spent on the recipient's continuing music education, such as tuition, or towards the purchase of an instrument.*

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in years 7–12 at any Queensland secondary school (including home schools) in 2024;
- Play an orchestral instrument (including saxophone but not including keyboard instruments) to a standard which is equivalent to AMEB Grade 8 or higher;
- Have completed the online form via the Queensland Symphony Orchestra website and paid the entry fee to Queensland Symphony Orchestra by 11.59pm on Monday 13 November 2023;
- Are not a previous First Prize winner of the Young Instrumentalist Prize. Students who have auditioned in previous years who wish to re-enter the competition are welcome to re-apply, however need to prepare a different concerto movement to that ever performed previously in this competition.



AUDITION PROCESS

Auditions will take place via video submission. Applicants must first complete the online application form and pay the application fee by no later than 11.59pm on Monday 13 November 2023 (payment details listed below). Auditions will only be granted if all eligibility criteria have been satisfied and documentation and payment have been received. Auditions are to be submitted no later than 11.59pm on Friday 2 February 2024. Any videos submitted after this date will not be considered. If selected as one of the six finalists, students must perform the same music that they performed in their successful recorded audition, unless otherwise negotiated with Queensland Symphony Orchestra.

RECORDED AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Students will submit a video recording of themselves performing a movement or movements from a recognised concerto, or a work for solo instrument and orchestra. If more than one movement is selected, the movements must be from the same concerto. If an applicant is unsure about the eligibility of a selected work, they should contact the QSO Education team: edcom@qso.com.au, ph. 3833 5045.

The video audition must be **strictly between 8–10 minutes**. Recorded material beyond 10 minutes will not be considered. Cuts can be made in the selected work to allow the performance to be within the 10-minute time limit. A copy of the music to be performed (including piano accompaniment) must be scanned and submitted in the application. Any cuts to the music must be clearly marked on both the solo and piano accompaniment parts. This music will be used by the YIP 2024 adjudicators.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION

Music	A link to both the solo part and piano accompaniment of the applicant's chosen work. If the applicant is shortening the work to fit within the time limit, please clearly indicate cuts on each part.
Biography	A brief description (max. 400 words) of the applicant's musical achievements (eg prizes won, ensembles currently a member of, solo performances completed) and an indication of how the applicant would intend to spend any prize money.
Headshot	A photo of the applicant to assist with identification by judges and for promotional purposes.

ACCOMPANIST

Applicants must organise their own accompanist, at their own cost, for their digital audition and, if selected, for the Finalists' Recital. Queensland Symphony Orchestra can assist with organising Brisbane-based accompanists for regional or remote students selected as semi-finalists and/or finalists.

VIOLIN LOAN PRIZE

One violinist will be offered a loan of an AE Smith 1961 Violin, 'Brennan Keats'. This instrument has been kindly donated to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra for use by an outstanding young violinist. The original donor, Brennan Keats, entrusted the instrument to the National Instrument Bank created by Music Australia, and in 2020, ownership of the instrument was transferred to Queensland Symphony Orchestra in its own right.

ONLINE APPLICATION AND ENTRY FEE

Students must apply online via the Queensland Symphony Orchestra website. Queensland Symphony Orchestra will advise when a student's application has been accepted and when they may proceed with recording their audition. An entry fee of \$100.00 must be received by Queensland Symphony Orchestra no later than 11.59pm on Monday 13 November 2023. This fee must be deposited to the account details listed in the box below. The entry is only refundable if an applicant is deemed ineligible to audition by Queensland Symphony Orchestra. Please use the description *YIP_applicant surname_ first name* when making the deposit. (eg. YIP_Smith_John).

Entry Fee: \$100.00

Due date: 11.59pm, Monday 13 November 2023

Account Name: Queensland Symphony Orchestra

Payment Details: BSB 084 004 | ACN 888435786