

North Texas Suzuki Association

Young Artists Competition

Sunday | February 22, 2026

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SUZUKI MUSIC INSTITUTE OF DALLAS

14240 Midway Rd Suite 300

Dallas, TX 75244

MISSION STATEMENT

The NTSA Young Artist Competition (NTSA-YAC) offers advanced Suzuki string students, beyond the level of the Trophy Festival, a performance-level opportunity to pursue artistic excellence within a nurturing, collaborative environment. Guided by the Suzuki philosophy, the competition prioritizes personal growth, cooperation, and mutual respect rather than rivalry, while also generating scholarship funds to further students' musical development.

ENROLLMENT & FEES

Elementary Division (Grades 4-6)	\$50
Junior Division (Grades 7-9)	\$60
Senior Division (Grades 10-12)	\$70

AWARDS

First Place, Senior Divisions	Cash Prize & Trophy
First Place, Elementary & Junior Divisions	Trophy
Second, Third, & Honorable Mention	Ribbons

In addition to division placements, judges may present special superlative awards to recognize outstanding artistry or interpretation.

NTSA SCHOLARSHIP & COMPETITION SENIOR DIVISION WINNERS CONCERT

April 19th, 2026

2:00 PM

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COMPETITION CHAIR

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COMPETITION GUIDELINES

1. ALL communication with the event chairman MUST be through the TEACHER. There is to be no contact between parents and NTSA Competition Chair.
2. Registration: All entries must be registered and paid online. No refunds will be issued once a student is registered.
3. Monitoring: ALL Teachers must serve as monitors on the day of the competition. If unavailable, they may designate another NTSA member as a substitute. Failure to meet this requirement will result in disqualification of participating students.
4. Divisions are based on school grades as of September 1, 2025. The student's birth date and school grade MUST be entered at registration.
5. Each student may enter only ONE category.
6. Each category must have a minimum of 4 entries in order to be open.
7. Contest pieces except Sonata movements must be performed by memory.
8. All contestants, except those in the Unaccompanied Bach Category, must provide their own collaborative pianist. Please note: Senior Division first place winners are responsible for securing their own pianist for the Winners Concert.
9. Each contestant must provide original music for the judge. Photocopies are not accepted!
10. The competition is single-round. There will be no finals.
11. All division winners must be present at the Winners Concert on **Sunday, April 19th** to receive their awards (trophies, ribbons, or cash prizes).
12. The 1st place winner of each Senior Division Category will perform at the Awards Concert. Failure to perform will result in forfeiture of the monetary award. In cases of unforeseen emergency, the committee reserves the right to determine whether awards may still be granted.
13. 1st place winners of a category are NOT eligible to re-enter that category in the future.
14. The use of cameras or recording/video equipment is not permitted during any phase of the competition and could result in disqualification.
15. Judges' decisions are final and the Judge reserves the right to declare 'No Winner.'

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS & REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION PERIOD

Opens: Monday, December 2, 2025, at 12:00pm (CST)

Closes: Monday, January 19, 2026, at 10:00pm (CST)

Please DO NOT WAIT until the last minute. If there are glitches in registering that take time to correct it could prevent students from being able to compete.

PIECE/SONATA CATEGORY

Elementary (Grades 4-6)	(maximum 6 minutes)	Register Here
Junior (Grades 7-9)	(maximum 8 minutes)	Register Here
Senior (Grades 10-12)	(No time limit)	Register Here

One piece or one movement of a sonata at the level of Suzuki Book 4 or higher, or equivalent supplemental repertoire.



CONCERTO CATEGORY

Elementary (Grades 4-6)	(maximum 7 minutes)	Register Here
Junior (Grades 7-9)	(maximum 10 minutes)	Register Here
Senior (Grades 10-12)	(No time limit)	Register Here

One movement from ANY standard concerto or other recognized work for string instrument and orchestra. Minimum level: Suzuki Book 4 or equivalent.

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UNACCOMPANIED BACH CATEGORY

Senior (Grades 10-12)	(No time limit)	Register Here
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One sonata or partita movement or two contrasting suite movements of unaccompanied Bach.