

Education and External Engagement Concerto Competition

2025–2026 Season



Andrew Y. Kim, cellist
2025 BSO Concerto
Competition Winner



Keila Wakao, violinist
2024 BSO Concerto
Competition Winner



Boston Symphony
Orchestra

Boston Symphony Orchestra

2025–26 Concerto Competition Audition Information

CLICK HERE

to access and submit the
online application form.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra is pleased to announce the 2025–26 Concerto Competition, a world-class educational and performance opportunity for up-and-coming teen musicians. This competition is open to all advanced high school instrumentalists in Massachusetts in grades 10–12. The winner will get the unparalleled opportunity to perform as a soloist onstage with the Boston Symphony Orchestra!

Audition Timeline:

Preliminary Auditions: All applicants must submit their completed [Concerto Competition Application Form](#) online by **Friday, December 12, 2025**. There is a \$30 application fee. Scholarships to waive the \$30 application fee are available for students needing financial assistance. To be considered, simply check the “Scholarship Fund” box in the application

Final Auditions: Selected applicants will be invited to Symphony Hall for the live final audition round on **Monday, January 26, 2026**.

Awards:

The top prize is the Cornelius A. & Muriel P. Wood Award. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and the opportunity to perform with the Boston Symphony Orchestra on **Saturday, March 14, 2026**. The first and second runners-up will also receive cash prizes.

Preliminary Auditions/Online Application

- 1. Repertoire:** A list of your current repertoire saved as a PDF.
- 2. Audition:** An unedited video recording of you performing a piece or a movement from a work that can be accompanied by an orchestra, no longer than 10 minutes. Piano accompaniment is preferred but not required.

PLEASE TEST YOUR VIDEO RECORDINGS TO MAKE SURE THEY PLAY WITHOUT INCIDENT.
THE AUDIO SHOULD BE OF THE HIGHEST AUDIO FIDELITY.

ONLY the following video formats will be accepted by the performance application system:
.mp4, .wmv, .mov, and .avi.

- 3. Letter of Intent:** A 2–3 sentence statement about your intent to enter the competition, verifying that you’re a Massachusetts resident, and signed by your parent/guardian and music instructor, saved as a PDF.
- 4. Application fee*:** A \$30 check made payable to **Boston Symphony Orchestra** and mailed to the following address:

Boston Symphony Orchestra
Education Dept/Concerto Competition
301 Massachusetts Ave.
Boston, MA 02115

***NOTE:** If you require a fee waiver, just check the “Scholarship Fund” box in the application.

All competitors will be notified by **January 9, 2026** whether they have qualified for the live final audition round. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact us at (617) 638-9375 or education@bso.org.