

Information and Eligibility Guidelines

The Toledo Symphony's Young Musician Award is intended to make a significant impact on the life of a young classical musician from the area served by the Toledo Symphony (TSO). Funding for the award has been generously donated by the Stephen Stranahan family, who truly believe that a thriving arts program helps a community flourish. The recipient will receive an award up to \$20,000, renewable for two additional years (up to \$60,000 over three years).

What is provided?

- The Toledo Symphony's Young Musicians Award is a cash prize up to \$20,000 which can be used by the winning applicant to further his/her professional development. This includes, but is not limited to, college tuition, instrument purchase, studio recording time, and lessons.
- This award is renewable for two additional years, at the same amount, pending adherence to the guidelines and committee approval.

Who may apply?

- Applicants must be 25 years or younger when the application is due.
- Applicants must be outstanding performers in the areas of classical music.
- Applicants must intend to pursue a career as a performing musician.
- Applicants must reside in, or have ties to, a county served by the Toledo Symphony. In Ohio, these counties are Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Wood, and Williams. In Michigan, included counties are Hillsdale, Lenawee, and Monroe.
- Applicants cannot be immediate family members of a trustee on the Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts (TAPA) Board.
- Current orchestral musicians employed by the TSO may not apply.
- Applications will be accepted every three years, except in instances when the board has decided to withdraw funding from the current recipient.

How do I apply?

- Download the application from the Toledo Symphony website.
- Submit the application, required essay, and an unedited video.
- Your audition video must be an accurate representation of your playing level. Two contrasting pieces are suggested, not to exceed 15 minutes. Your selections can be accompanied or unaccompanied. Expensive recording equipment is NOT needed. You must submit an UNEDITED video.
- Return all application materials to the email address provided by the deadline.

What are my responsibilities if I win?

- Mention the award in your bio while receiving the award, and for two years following.
- Perform a free recital at a local venue each year you receive award money, arranged in conjunction with the Toledo Symphony.
- Use the money in manner specified in your application, unless you receive permission from the Toledo Symphony to use it for an alternate purpose.
- Update the TSO on the status of your education/professional development.

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