

YAC Junior Division Rules 2026-2027

I. Eligibility Requirements

- A. Applicants must be 12-15 years old on **February 6, 2027**.
- B. Applicants must perform on a piano or on a standard orchestral instrument. Vocalists are not included in this competition.
- C. Previous winners from the Junior Division are excluded from the competition.

II. Application Instructions

- A. Complete the online application.
- B. A non-refundable fee must accompany the application. Third party service fees may apply.
- C. Application and entry fee are due by **11:59 PM PST January 15, 2027**. Late applications will not be considered.

III. Competition Requirements and Rounds:

- A. Applicants must compete with one entire movement of a concerto or solo work that has an orchestra accompaniment.
- B. The competition is divided into two round:
 - 1. First round:
 - a. Applicants must submit a video performance featuring the competitor performing from memory provided by the competitor that was recorded within 6 months of **February 6, 2027**.
 - b. The video should clearly show the competitor and the accompanist, including their hands.
 - c. The selection committee will review the videos and identify up to twelve applicants to advance to the Final Round.
 - 2. Final Round:
 - a. Applicants selected for the Final Round must perform the same piece performed on the video submission. The judges may request the performer to stop or skip sections due to time constraints.

- b. Applicants are required to perform in-person and from memory.
- c. Applicants must provide their own accompanist.
- d. Applicants must provide a physical copy or digital copy of the score with an electronic device.
- e. The Final Round will take place on **February 6, 2027**.

IV. **Prize Award:**

- A. One winner will be selected to perform with the Pasadena Community Orchestra (PCO) on **March 12, 2027**.
- B. The winner will receive a prize of \$500.
- C. The winner must perform the same composition that was performed in the Final Round.
- D. A selection committee will preside. The decision of the judges is final and PCO reserves the right not to choose a winner.

V. **Additional Information**

- A. PCO will notify applicants with their application status and schedule for the Final Round.
- B. Applicants can contact **yac@pcomusic.org** for additional information.