

The 2015-2016 Youth Competition will consist of a two-round audition process. A YouTube/Video submission is required for all applicants. First-run finalists will be selected to perform in a recital open to the public. Two winners will be selected from this group to perform with the orchestra in its Winter 2016 concert on Saturday, January 30.



2015-2016 Season Youth Concerto Competition Application Guidelines

Eligibility

1. The Competition is open to New Jersey residents under the age of 18. There is no minimum age requirement.
2. The Competition is open to all orchestral instruments, excluding piano.
3. First- and Second-place winners from 2014-2015 Competition are not eligible.

Preliminary Requirements

4. Written application must be postmarked by **October 16, 2015**, and include a non-refundable application fee of \$45.
5. To complete the application, a YouTube or video recording of the applicant must be submitted by **November 6, 2015**. Please see [How to Submit Online](#) for details.
6. The recording must be submitted online by the deadline to **auditions@sinfoniettanova.org**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
7. The selection shall be a work for solo instrument with orchestra, and shall not exceed 20 minutes in length.
8. All selections must have an orchestral accompaniment available.
9. Up to eight (8) Finalists from the preliminary auditions will be chosen and notified via email by Friday, November 20, 2015.

Final Audition Requirements

10. The final audition will be in the form of a formal recital, which will be opened to the general public.
11. The recital will take place in a public venue and before an Audition Committee on **Sunday, December 6, 2015** at 4 PM in West Windsor, New Jersey. An alternative audition date may be provided in case of inclement weather.
12. The audition piece must be performed from memory.
13. Contestants must supply their own accompanist for the recital.

14. Winners will be notified within two weeks of the audition.
15. There will be two winners selected to perform with Sinfonietta Nova on our Winter Concert on Saturday, January 30, 2016.
16. The decision of the Audition Committee is final.
17. Winner(s) must be available to work with the conductor and rehearse with the orchestra prior to the concert. Sinfonietta Nova rehearsals are usually on Tuesdays, between 7 and 10 PM.
18. In addition to the opportunity of performing with the orchestra, a scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to the first place winner.
19. Applicants' parent/guardian shall agree to allow Sinfonietta Nova to use information about the applicants including names, personal biographies, photographs, and a recording of the concerto performance in promotional and publicity materials, web pages, Facebook posts, as well as on grant and other applications in support of the orchestra and its activities.

Application form can be obtained at:

www.sinfoniettanova.org/content/2015-2016-season-youth-concerto-competition-application-guidelines