



# YOUNG INSTRUMENTALIST PRIZE

2019

## INFORMATION

Queensland Symphony Orchestra presents the Young Instrumentalists Prize. This competition is open to Queensland secondary school students studying an orchestral instrument (including saxophone but not including keyboard instruments).

### PRIZES

- The winner will perform as soloist with Queensland Symphony Orchestra at a selected concert in Brisbane.
- Six selected students, considered of the highest standard by the adjudicators will perform in the Finalists Recital (considered round two of the competition) held at the Queensland Symphony Orchestra Studio. This is a public performance.
- The final six selected students will receive a combination of cash prizes and mentoring opportunities.

Any prize money received must be spent on the students' continuing music education such as continuing tuition or towards purchase of an instrument.

### HOW TO APPLY

**To be eligible to apply, students must:**

- Be enrolled in a Queensland secondary school in the year of the competition (Years 7 to 12).
- Be at a playing/performance standard of at least Grade 8 AMEB or equivalent.
- Play an orchestral instrument (including saxophone but not including keyboard instruments).

**Students must also:**

**Complete the on-line application form and upload by the due date.**

<https://www.qso.com.au/2019-young-instrumentalists-prize-application-form>

**Provide the following by email upon lodgment of application form (within 5 business days):**

- A digital photograph in jpeg format. This will be used only for identification purposes during the auditioning process.
- A Biography outlining applicant's previous music experience. The document must be in word format and be approx. 200 words.
- A Study Plan outlining how the applicant would use any prize money awarded. The document must be in word format and be approx. 200 words.

**Pay the required entry fee upon lodgment of application form (within 5 business days):**

- A \$75 entry fee direct debited to BSB 084 004 Account Number 888435786. The entry is only refundable if applicant is NOT selected by Queensland Symphony Orchestra to be auditioned.
- Use the description "YIP *surname, first name*".

### AUDITION

- An audition will be granted if the eligibility requirements have been satisfied, all documentation and payment has been received and the application form is signed by all parties.
- Auditions for the competition will be held at the Queensland Symphony Orchestra Studios before a panel of Queensland Symphony Orchestra personnel on the dates specified.
- Students who have won 1st prize in previous years will be ineligible to apply in future Queensland Symphony Orchestra Young Instrumentalist Prize competitions.
- Students who have auditioned in previous years and wish to re-enter the competition should prepare a different concerto movement to that performed previously in this competition to

best showcase their development as a musician.

#### **PERFORMANCE – Audition and Finalists Recital (if selected)**

- Students will select and perform a movement or movements from a recognised concerto or a work for solo instrument and orchestra up to the maximum time limit. If more than one movement is selected they must be from the same concerto.
- There is a strict minimum time limit of 8 minutes and a maximum time limit of 10 minutes for both the audition and, if selected, the Finalists Recital. Cuts can be made in the selected work to allow the performance to be within the 10 minute time limit.
- A copy of the selected work is to be scanned and emailed to Queensland Symphony Orchestra when requested prior to the auditions. Any cuts are to be clearly marked.
- Students from outside the metropolitan area who cannot attend the audition in person are welcome to audition via a digital video recording. Please note that applicants should consider the quality of sound within your chosen video format. It has been found that the audio quality within standard camera/phones do not showcase the student at their best. Consider external audio technology. The accompanist must be shown in the video.
- A video recording **MUST** be recorded within four weeks of the published audition date and be accompanied by a signed statement declaring such.

#### **ACCOMPANIST**

- Students will need to organise their own accompanist at own cost for the audition and, if selected, for the Finalists Recital.

#### **WINNER**

- The successful student awarded 1st prize will need to be available for a rehearsal with both the conductor and the Orchestra prior to their performance in a selected public concert.
- The successful student may also be given other opportunities to perform throughout the year and in a future Finalists Recital as a guest performer.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Dates relating to due dates, audition dates and relevant performances are published on the Queensland Symphony Orchestra website for the current year.

**Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Pam Lowry on (07) 3833 5035 or email [pam.lowry@qso.com.au](mailto:pam.lowry@qso.com.au)**