Rules

- A student playing an orchestral instrument must be currently enrolled in the Youth Orchestra Program. A non-orchestral instrumental participant must be a current resident of Manatee, Sarasota, or Charlotte County. Students must be enrolled in a Manatee, Sarasota, or Charlotte County school and must have resided in either county the previous year. All applicants must be 21 years of age or younger on the audition date.

- A competition winner may not compete on the same instrument the following year.

- The composition chosen must from the approved repertoire list and be for solo instrument(s) and orchestra. Any selections not listed on the approved repertoire list must be approved before submitting your application. Selections may be declined for size of orchestra, availability of music, difficulty or any other reason at the discretion of the Education Department and concert conductor. All music must be available for purchase, unless applicant is prepared to assume ALL costs for rental music.

- Students must audition with the composition they intend to perform with the orchestra.

- Memorization is required for competition finals.

- On the day of the finals, the soloist must meet performance standards, regardless of the length or difficulty of the composition.

- Ten (10) minutes will be allowed for each preliminary audition. If a composition exceeds this time limit, the performer will be stopped when allotted time has expired. If a composition is over 10 minutes the performer, with teacher guidance, may make cuts to shorten to 10 minutes. The performer must be prepared to play at least 10 minutes of the composition. You may not shorten to less than 10 minutes.

- Fifteen (15) minutes will be allowed for each final audition. If a composition normally exceeds this time limit, the performer will be stopped when allotted time has expired.

- Judges may choose up to two winners to appear with the Sarasota Orchestra, but are not required to declare any winners.
GENERAL INFORMATION

- Application forms are available at the Beatrice Friedman Symphony Center, 709 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, 34236.

- In order to be considered, the following items must be received at the Symphony Center by the date deadline found on the application form:
  - Application filled out in full.
  - A non-refundable application fee of $25.00. Check or Money Order should be made payable to: Sarasota Orchestra

- Participants must provide their own accompanists or second pianists.

- Accompanist and soloist must arrive at the audition site at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to performance for check-in.

- Warm-up rooms will be available for performers. Performer or accompanist may not warm-up on stage at the time of the audition.

- At the time of the preliminary and final audition, judges must be provided with at least one copy of music to be played (NO photocopies will be allowed). Please number the measures (the beginning of each line is acceptable).

- Any solo competition winner must be available for rehearsals with the orchestra prior to the performance, unless previous arrangements with the Artistic Staff have been made.

- The winner(s) chosen for solo performances will be posted at the conclusion of the final auditions.