

Dundas Valley Orchestra HAALSA Young Musician Award 2021-2022

Criteria

Purpose:

To recognize a promising young musician and provide them with an opportunity to perform as a soloist with the Dundas Valley Orchestra (DVO)

Eligibility Requirements

- Open to all orchestral instruments including harp, guitar, piano, organ, and voice
- Contestants should be no older than 19 at the time of application
- Resident of the Greater Hamilton Area
- Nominated by a music teacher

Audition Requirements

- Contestants must submit an application alongside a suitable recording that reflects their current level of musicianship by April 30th, 2021 (e.g., by CD, USB, .mp3, or link to online media)
- The recording may be own choice or the audition piece (the latter must be played for the live audition in September, 2021 – see below)
- Applicants selected for the live audition will be notified by May 31st, 2020
- Selected contestants will come in for a live audition at a prearranged time in September, 2021
- The suitability of the audition piece will be approved by the conductor of the DVO during the selection process for the live auditions

Winner Selection Process

- The contestants will be judged on their age-related level of musicianship
- The DVO's HAALSA Young Musician Award Committee will forward a nominee (s) for consideration to the DVO Board of Directors
- Final approval for selection of the winner is made by the DVO Board of Directors by October, 2021

HAALSA Young Musicians Award Prizes

- A certificate of achievement
- A cash award of \$250.00 provided by HAALSA
- Perform with the DVO in January, 2022

Music Selection Requirements for Live Audition/Performance with the DVO

- Audition/performance piece must be one movement of a concerto or a one-movement composition suitable for accompaniment by the DVO in consultation with the conductor
- The accompanying music must be readily available
- Audition/performance piece should be no longer than 10 minutes

Summary of Application and Selection Deadlines

- Applications are due April 30th, 2021
- Those chosen for an audition in the fall will be contacted by May31st, 2021
- Audition pieces will be approved by June 15th, 2021

- Auditions will follow in September, 2021
- Winner will be announced by October, 2021
- Concert performance with the DVO will be in January, 2022 (**dependent on orchestra restrictions placed by COVID)