



Yen Liang Young Artist Competition, Strings

2026–2027

Application Form

The 2026–2027 Yen Liang Young Artist Competition is for string players born after April 1, 2003.

There are two rounds. The first round requires two separate submissions:

1. postal mailing of this form, along with a nonrefundable \$25 fee, postmarked no later than **October 16, 2026**
2. a link to a YouTube recording, separately emailed to the competition coordinator no later than **October 16, 2026**

Contestants will be notified that their applications have been received.

Upon review, finalists will be chosen and scheduled to appear for the final round taking place on November 15, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at a Walnut Creek location to be determined. The second-prize winner will receive \$750. The first-prize winner will receive \$1,500 and the opportunity to perform with the Diablo Symphony in three concerts in Walnut Creek (February 16 and February 21, 2027, at the Leshner Center for the Arts, and at Rossmoor on a date to be determined).

Complete rules are found on the DSO website at www.diablosymphony.org/rules-2026-2027/.

Today's date: _____

Contestant name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Contestant address: _____

Email address to use for competition communication: _____

Telephone number to use for competition communication: _____

Contestant school name and city: _____

Grade: _____

If under 18, parent/guardian name: _____

Parent/guardian email: _____

Instrument: _____

Primary instrument teacher's name: _____

Teacher's email: _____

Teacher's telephone number: _____

Keep a copy of this application for yourself, and mail the original with your \$25 check made payable to "Diablo Symphony Association" to:

Yen Liang Competition
c/o Christine Hsia
1955 Stratton Circle
Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Along with this application, the video recording (of DVD quality or higher) must be uploaded to YouTube; please email the link for the recording to

christinehsia@gmail.com.

Please test that the link works before emailing it. We will let you know when we have received the application, check, and the YouTube link.

Mailed items must be postmarked no later than **October 16, 2026**. File uploading and emailing of the link must also be completed by **October 16, 2026**.

Questions? Please refer to the competition information and rules posted on the Diablo Symphony website (www.diablosymphony.org). More questions? Send an email to Christine Hsia at christinehsia@gmail.com.

Thank you, and best of luck!
Yen Liang Young Artist Competition
Organizing Committee