



NORTHWEST FLORIDA
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
at Northwest Florida
State College

Key Dates & Deadlines

Oct. 12, 2023

Completed Application
Package Due!
Firm Deadline!

Oct. 20, 2023

Finalists selected
and notified

Nov. 4, 2023

Competition Finals at
the Mattie Kelly Arts Center

Feb. 10, 2024

Winner(s) perform with NFSO

See Concerto Competition Rules
and Application form at:
www.nfsymphony.org or
www.MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

Questions?

Contact Lynne Fehrenbach,
Education and Outreach Director
Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra
(850) 687-6262 | fehrenbl@nwfsc.edu
Northwest Florida State College
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Niceville, FL 32578-1295

36th Annual JOHN LEATHERWOOD



Enter to win cash awards from

\$500 to \$1,500

and an opportunity to perform as a guest artist
with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra
at the Mattie Kelly Fine & Performing Arts Center!

Eligible Entrants & Awards to Winners:

College Division: undergraduate college
students up to age 23 – **\$1,500 award**

Senior Division: students in grades 9 to 12 – **\$1,000 award**

Junior Division: students through grade 8 – **\$500 award**



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36th ANNUAL NFSO JOHN LEATHERWOOD CONCERTO COMPETITION (2023-24)

Sponsored by the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra Guild
& Northwest Florida State College

Competition Rules:

- The competition is open to performers of orchestral instruments, keyboard, and voice who (or if dependent, whose parents) maintain a legal residence in Northwest Florida in the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, Santa Rosa, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, Washington.
- All applicants must provide a YouTube link of one movement of a concerto with piano accompaniment for the initial screening. **Applications must be postmarked by October 12, 2023.**
- Please consider musical selections carefully. The judges and music director reserve the right to disqualify a contestant on the basis of a selection that is not suitable for this competition. The most successful pieces have come from the standard repertoire. Consideration must be made of the availability and expense of orchestral scores for possible performance with the NFSO. Contact Education Director Lynne Fehrenbach (fehrenal@nwfsc.edu) with questions regarding repertoire.
- All applicants will be notified by e-mail no later than **October 20, 2023**, regarding their participation as a finalist in the live audition.
- Contestants may win only one time in any division.
- All finalists are required to provide their own accompanist for the live audition.
- **All finalists are required to perform by memory for the application audition and final audition.**
- Live auditions will be held on **SATURDAY, November 4, 2023**, in the Tyler Recital Hall of The Mattie Kelly Fine & Performing Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College, 100 College Blvd., Niceville, Florida.
- Winner(s) will perform, at the Music Director's discretion, with the NFSO on **February 10, 2024**.
- **The decision of the judges is FINAL. Comments will not be distributed.**
- The 36th Annual Concerto Competition is divided into three divisions: Junior Division (through 8th grade), Senior Division (grades 9 – 12), and College Division (only college undergraduates who are 23 years or younger at the date of the performance – February 10, 2024 and enrolled as a full-time student). **The competition makes awards in the amounts of \$500 for Junior Division, \$1,000 for Senior Division, and \$1,500 for College Division.** There may or may not be a winner in each division. There will be no ties within any division. The awards will be presented to winner(s) on **February 10, 2024**.



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- **Application packets must be postmarked by October 12, 2023, and must include the following:**
 - o Completed application form
 - o Non-refundable fee of \$40 made out to *NFSO Concerto Competition*
 - o Link to YouTube video recording. Please write clearly and test your link before sending.

See NEXT PAGE FOR APPLICATION FORM TO FILL OUT:

SUBMIT APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

Lynne Fehrenbach, Education and Outreach Director

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Application Form

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Birth date	Grade/Level	School
Applicant's Name	Name of Music Instructor	
Address	Address	
City	County	City State Zip
State	Zip	
Phone	Instructor's Phone	

E-mail address	Instructor's E-mail Address
Instrument	(The following section is for office use.)
Composer Movement(s)	Arrival Date Received by
Title of Work, including Key and Opus Number if available	Returned by
Signature of Applicant (Guardian if under 18 years of Age)	
Link to YouTube Video. Please write clearly.	