



About the Annual Scholarship Competition 2025

The Annual Scholarship Competition is an opportunity for Conservatory of Music students (intermediate to advanced levels) to audition for a scholarship. Applications are accepted based on a **Conservatory instructor's recommendation**.

Location: Alberta College Campus, 10050 MacDonald Drive Muttart Hall. In-person only.

Competition Dates

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (additional day if high enrollment)

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Performance Audition Times

- Specific performance audition dates/times will be determined based on the number of applications we receive.
- Students & Instructors will be notified approx. two weeks prior to the competition.

Deadlines

Student pay the 2024/25 Membership Fee by: Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 11:59 PM. Pay online:

<https://musce.ca/3VUKcSi>

Instructors Submit the Application by: Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 11:59 PM. Application form provided to instructors only.

Application Process

Step 1: **Talk to your instructor** about your interest in applying. **Let your instructor know** if you have any **requests or requirements** so they can include this information in the application.

Step 2: Your **instructor submits the online recommendation form**. Applications are accepted based on a Conservatory instructor's recommendation only. One form per student.

Step 3: The Conservatory **office will verify your eligibility**.

Step 4: **Receive your audition time/day** approx. two-weeks prior to the competition date.

Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Student **paid the 2024/25 membership fee** by Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 11:59 PM
- 2) Student currently **taking private lessons** with a Conservatory instructor on their performance instrument and have **paid 10 or more hours** of instruction.

General Rules:

- 1) Students must perform to a **maximum of 10 minutes**: One piece with two or more contrasting sections OR; two contrasting pieces.
- 2) Students must bring a **published copy of the music** to the audition for adjudicators to reference.
- 3) Appropriate **performance attire** is required at the audition.
- 4) For voice students: **Musical Theatre performance** will only be considered for designated scholarship. Voice students who perform repertoire from musical theatre must perform a classical piece as the second selection to be considered for other scholarships.
- 5) In person **accompaniment** preferred. If students cannot get together with their accompanists due to illness, pre-recorded accompaniment will be accepted with students providing their own equipment (device, chords, and speaker).
- 6) Conservatory faculty members and music professionals will not be considered for scholarships.
- 7) Popular music will not be considered for any scholarships.

Performance Audition Process

Schedule approximately 30 minutes to accommodate arrival, performance, and departure.

This is a closed in-person audition style competition. There are no audience members.

Two-adjudicators and one staff member will be present.

After the Competition

You will be notified if you win a scholarship and provide more details about the process.

About the Scholarships

Some scholarships specify age, genre, and instrument. Based on the application form and student information, the Conservatory office will ensure students are selected for all applicable scholarships.

Available Scholarships

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Scholarship for promising musical talent (x15)	\$200
Thelma Johannes O'Neill Memorial Scholarship Performance of repertoire by the 19th and 20th century French composers, for ages 15 years and over with a minimum grade 10 Royal Conservatory of Music, Conservatory Canada, or equivalent.	\$250
Donald Ramsay Scholarship for an outstanding achievement by a high school aged student	\$300
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Scholarship for outstanding musical talent (x4)	\$350
Sherburne G. McCurdy Award for outstanding achievement in brass/woodwind studies	\$350
Alberta College Conservatory of Music Award for outstanding musical talent (x3)	\$375
Alberta College Conservatory of Music Award for outstanding musical talent in Musical Theatre	\$375
AIMTAC Scholarship for Musical Excellence for Outstanding Performance (x4): Piano Voice Strings Brass/woodwinds/Percussion/Composition	\$500
Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Scholarship for an outstanding musical performance (x2)	\$500
Diane Thorssen Usher Award for outstanding instrumentalist	\$500
Diane Thorssen Usher Award for outstanding vocalist	\$500
Marguerite Farmer Scholarship for outstanding achievement in string studies	\$650
Harry Farmer Memorial Scholarship for outstanding achievement in organ or keyboard studies	\$650
Kathleen Farmer Memorial Scholarship for outstanding achievement in voice	\$650
Pamela Farmer Scholarship for outstanding achievement in piano studies	\$650
Diane Thorssen Usher Award for outstanding musical talent	\$1000