

# BLACKERBY YOUNG VIOLINISTS COMPETITION

## Application Guidelines

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be between the ages of 11 and 18 on December 1, 2018, and must not have completed high school. Applicants must reside in the Greater Austin area.

### REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must select ONE piece from the lists below:

<b>Middle School Participants</b>	<b>High School Participants</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Corelli/Kreisler: La Folia</li> <li>● Fiocco: Allegro</li> <li>● Monti: Csardas</li> <li>● Mylnarski: Mazurka</li> <li>● Seitz: Concerto in G minor (1st or 3rd mvmt)</li> <li>● Severn: Polish Dance</li> <li>● Vivaldi: Concerto in G minor op. 12 (1st or 3rd mvmt)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accolay: Concerto in A minor</li> <li>● Bach: Concerto in A minor</li> <li>● Bartok: Roumanian Folk Dances</li> <li>● De Beriot: Scene de Ballet</li> <li>● Copland: Hoe-Down</li> <li>● Kreisler: Praeludium &amp; Allegro</li> <li>● Mozart: Concerto in G major (1st or 3rd mvmt)</li> <li>● Mozart/Kreisler: Rondo ("Haffner")</li> <li>● Vivaldi: 4 Seasons (1 fast movement)</li> </ul>

### APPLICATION

All materials must be received by **December 1, 2018**

**Application fee: \$20**

**Applicants must submit all of the following materials:**

- Video recording of your performance
- Letter of recommendation
- \$20 non-refundable application fee
- Completed application

### RECORDED ROUND

The first round of the competition is the pre-recorded round. Judges will select at least three finalists from each level. This round is a blind round—the judges will hear only the audio portion of each applicant's submitted video performance. **Finalists will be notified in mid-December.**

### FINAL ROUND

**Date: Sunday January 13, 2019 ◆ 2:00 PM ◆ Blackerby Recital Hall**

The final round of the competition will take place in a concert setting open to the public.

### ACCOMPANIMENT

Finalists must provide their own accompanist for the final round.

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### Application Checklist

#### Video Recording

- Make a video recording of your performance of up to 8 minutes of your musical selection, **without accompaniment**. The recording must be a **single take**, with no edits. An iPhone video is acceptable. Do not announce your name or the name of the selection. If there are extended rests, simply pause briefly and then continue playing.
- Upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo. You will need to copy and paste the link to the video into your application.

#### Letter of Recommendation

- You need a letter of recommendation from your private teacher or orchestra director, in PDF format (your teacher can email you the file). You will upload the letter during the application process.

#### Application Essay

- Choose ONE of the following three questions and answer it in a brief essay (no more than 300 words). If you prepare the essay prior to completing the application, you'll easily be able to copy and paste your answer into the application.

**QUESTION 1:** Try and remember the first time you knew you wanted to play violin. What was it about the instrument that made you determined to learn how to play it?

**QUESTION 2:** Which musician or musical group inspires you the most? Explain why. (Note: the musician you choose does not have to be a violinist, and the group does not have to be a classical ensemble!)

**QUESTION 3:** The violin can be a pastime or a career, and it can also play many different styles of music. What do you hope to accomplish with the violin? (For example, you might want to learn to play a favorite piece of music. You may dream of being a concert violinist, or playing your own music in a band. Tell us what you want to do with the violin!)

#### Application and Application Fee

- When you have uploaded your performance, received your letter of recommendation, and written your essay, visit [www.violinshop.com/competition](http://www.violinshop.com/competition)
- Navigate to the "Application Fee" section, and click the "Pay Now" PayPal button.
- After you have paid the fee, select "**Return to Merchant**," and you will be redirected to the online application. Fill out all the information, upload your letter, and copy and paste the link to your video performance.

***Congratulations! You are now a contestant! Good Luck!***