

Hoosier Star

COMPETITION DIVISIONS

- **Youth:** 17 years old and under
- **Adult:** 18 years old and over

(Contestant's age at time of auditions)

GRAND PRIZES

	Youth	Adult
First place	\$1,000	\$1,000
Second place	\$500	\$500

(Duets will be considered as one contestant and must split the prize money)

MARCH AUDITIONS

Fees, Deadlines, Audition Requirements

- Application fee is \$20.00
- The fee is **non-refundable** and will be contributed to this fundraising event for the orchestra. The **non-refundable \$20.00 fee must accompany the application.**
- Contest is open to amateur vocalists only. Any contestant which does not earn their main livelihood by singing, will be considered an amateur.
- **Applicants must be residents of Indiana or Southwest Michigan.**
- Audition application must be received by March 16, 2023 for audition time preference consideration.

Please wear appropriate audition attire.

- Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, until all available appointment times are filled.
- All contestants will be asked to sign a release for permission to take audio/video footage for possible promotional and marketing use.
- **Selected finalists MUST be available for the event 9/9/23 including all mandatory rehearsal dates;**
4/8/23,8/19/23,8/26/23,9/7/23,9/8/23,9/9/23

Previous Participants

- 1st place are not allowed to return unless they won Youth division and are returning as an Adult after sitting out a year
- Youth & Adult second place winners from previous year will not participate the following year. Non-placing finalists may audition the following year
- Youth winners and finalists may audition for the Adult Division when they become eligible
- 2022 duet contestants may audition again 2023 as a soloist finalist, soloists may audition again in 2023 as a duet finalist.

***THESE RULES MAY BE MODIFIED AT ANYTIME**

Audition Rules

AUDITION GUIDELINES

Accompaniment

- Applicants must provide their own accompanist, or provide a phone.
Your song must be queued up on your device prior to your audition. A capella auditions will not be allowed.. A piano is available for use, but an accompanist will NOT be provided.

Solos / Duets

- Duet performances must consist of individuals within the same age division. Duets are considered one finalist together.
- **You may audition separately as a solo and a duet, HOWEVER, any person/s will ONLY be selected to compete as a soloist OR a duet finalist.**
- **There must be a separate application and fee for each audition if you choose to audition as a soloist and duet.**

Music Selection

- **Song must be less than five minutes in length.** No offensive, profane or sexually implicit lyrics are allowed. Contestants who, during their performance, use vulgar lyrics or perform in an obscene manner will be disqualified.

Equipment Malfunction

- Any contestant who experiences malfunction of equipment such as feedback, skipping of disc, or loss of microphone has the option of starting over. If the contestant, however, causes the malfunction, forgets words or makes a mistake, starting over will be at the discretion of the judges.

JUDGING

- Contestants are selected by a panel of judges who will determine five finalists and one alternate for each division.
- Decisions by the judges are final.
- Any contestant, his or her families or associates who argue with a judge may be deemed to be using offensive behavior, and may be disqualified from competition.

FINALIST INFORMATION

Finalists will perform on SATURDAY SEPT 9, 2023 with the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra at the La Porte Civic Auditorium.

The conductor of the La Porte Symphony Orchestra has final approval of all songs to be performed by finalists at the Hoosier STAR 2023 event on September 9, 2023.

Finalists are ***required** to attend all scheduled rehearsals. Failure to comply with the rehearsal schedule will result in elimination.