

Danbury Music Centre

Danbury Symphony Orchestra Annual Student Concerto Competition 2026 Guidelines

- The competition is open to advanced instrumentalists no older than high school seniors.
- Contestants must reside in Connecticut, New York, or New Jersey.
- Finalists will perform for a panel of judges including Ariel Rudiakov, Music Director & Conductor, Danbury Symphony Orchestra.
- Contestants must provide their own accompanists.
- First-place winners from previous years are not eligible to participate.
- Second and Third-place winners from previous years are eligible to participate.
- The winner must be available to solo with the Danbury Symphony Orchestra at their Young People's Concert, performing one movement of a concerto with the orchestra, on May 17, 2026, at 3 pm in Danbury, CT.

Prizes to further music studies will be awarded as follows:

First Place-\$500 and solo with Danbury Symphony Orchestra

Second Place-\$300

Third Place-\$200

Additional information:

A recital of finalists will be held at the Marian Anderson Recital Hall at the Danbury Music Centre on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 3 pm. The winner will be announced after the recital.

Rehearsal time in the Marian Anderson Recital Hall may be booked by emailing dmc@danburymusiccentre.org. The hall is available most afternoons prior to the recital of finalists. We may also be able to book 10 minute rehearsals before the recital.

There are two pianos available for use, a Mason Hamlin grand and a Steinway B.

Guests of the finalists are welcome to attend.

The Danbury Music Centre is located at 256 Main Street, Danbury, CT. Parking is available on Main Street or in the Bardo Parking Garage directly behind the DMC on Library Place.