

Young Artist Competition

\$1,000 KENNETH G. BLOOMQUIST PRIZE

2026
application

The Young Artist Competition is open to Michigan high school musicians, grades 9-12, from eligible counties*, who are enrolled in school during the 2025-26 academic year. Performers of woodwind, brass or percussion instruments may apply. As an applicant, you must select a work for your instrument that has an available band or wind ensemble arrangement. An audio or video recording of your performance must be submitted with piano, band or orchestral accompaniment.

The winner will perform their solo in concert with the Lansing Concert Band on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**. A cash prize of \$1,000 will be awarded along with a professional recording of the performance. Former winners must wait at least two years before being eligible to reapply.

Application packets should include the following:

- a completed application form (at right).
- an unedited recording of you performing your selected work in its entirety with accompaniment. If the work is multi-movement, select the first or last movement. If the work is through-composed, play the piece in its entirety. Provide a link via email to: **competition@lansingconcertband.org**. Other media may be mailed.
- \$25 application fee (checks payable to Lansing Concert Band). The application fee will be refunded only in the event that a winner is not selected.

Online application and further info available at lansingconcertband.org

Application packets must be postmarked by **February 6, 2026** and mailed to:

Carolyn Sherrill
Bloomquist Prize Chairperson
4443 Alderwood Drive
Okemos, MI 48864



***Eligible Michigan counties:**

Allegan, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lenawee, Livingston, Midland, Montcalm, Oakland, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Washtenaw



Questions?

Call **517-775-1735** or email us at:
competition@lansingconcertband.org



Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____, MI Zip _____

MI County _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Date of Birth (Month / Day / Year) _____

Instrument _____ No. years played _____

School of Applicant _____

Current Grade Level (circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Band Director's Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Private Music Teacher's Name (if applicable) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Honors/Awards (please list on separate sheet and attach)

Solo Work Selected to Perform (list title, movement and composer) **Please provide us with a copy of your music to be performed (photocopies will be destroyed after judging).**

Signature of Applicant _____

I certify that all information provided on this form is true and that I am the performer on the unedited recording submitted with this application. If selected, I grant Lansing Concert Band permission to use photos for promotional material including website, social media and concert program publication.

If under age 18 at time of application

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

I am the parent/legal guardian of the above applicant and approve their participation in this competition, including their performance in Lansing, Michigan if selected. I grant Lansing Concert Band permission to use photos for promotional material including website, social media and concert program publication.

Date _____

Please enclose the \$25 application fee made payable to **Lansing Concert Band**.
Judges' decisions are final. Winner is responsible for travel and lodging.