



## ALLAN W. KELLER MEMORIAL AWARD Rules and Regulations

1. Eligibility - Contestants must be a pianist, vocalist, or other instrumentalist, 22 years of age or under, as of July 1, 2023, and meet **one or more** of the following criteria:
  - A permanent resident of Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, or White County.
  - A student of a music teacher from an eligible county.
  - A musician whose guardian is a member of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra.
  - A musician who is a member of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra.

A previous winner of the Keller competition may not compete again on the same instrument. However, a winner may compete on a different instrument.
2. Application Procedures: Applications must be submitted or postmarked by August 4, 2023, and include a \$15 entry fee (payable online at [lafayettesymphony.org/scholarships](http://lafayettesymphony.org/scholarships) or by check to Lafayette Symphony). Qualified applicants will be contacted with further audition information.
3. Audition Procedures:
  - Auditions will be held **August 19, 2023** at Covenant Church, 211 Knox Dr, West Lafayette, IN 47906.
  - A contestant should select a solo from the Keller Competition Repertoire List, available at [lafayettesymphony.org/scholarships](http://lafayettesymphony.org/scholarships). **The list is updated ANNUALLY** so please make sure your piece is eligible. *Requests for exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the LSO prior to the submission of your application.*
  - The time limit for each audition is approximately 12 minutes.
  - Music for both the audition and concert **must be performed from memory**. Vocalists competing should present contrasting arias.
  - A contestant must provide **four copies of music with numbered measures and cuts marked**, to the judges at the audition.
  - Contestants are required to perform with their own piano accompanist.
  - The decision of the judges at the audition is final.
  - Up to 3 finalists will be selected to perform with the LSO.
4. Finalist Protocol:
  - Winners of the audition will perform as featured soloists with the LSO. The LSO reserves the right to alter your performance piece, i.e., if two people win playing the same piece.
  - Each winner must provide to the LSO office **no later than September 22, 2023: a 200-word or less bio, a digital recording of the selection, a media release form, and a recent headshot/professional photo.**
  - Each winner will receive an agreement to sign.
  - Winners will each receive a \$500 Scholarship.
  - **Winners must be available to attend (dates & times subject to change):**
    - Solo Rehearsal w/Music Director candidate - Prior to orchestra rehearsals
    - Rehearsal & Concert Cycles: **As the LSO is conducting a Music Director search in the 2023-24 season, each conducting candidate will lead one concert cycle over the season. Each Keller winner will be allotted to ONE of the following concert cycles:**
      - Wed.-Sat., November 15-18, 2023, 7:30pm
      - Wed.-Sat., April 3-6, 2024, 7:30pm
      - Wed.-Sat., May 8-11, 2024, 7:30pm
  - Winners are expected to participate in pre-concert publicity.
  - Finalists playing the piano may contact the LSO Operations Manager ([jodi@lafayettesymphony.org](mailto:jodi@lafayettesymphony.org)) to schedule up to 2 rehearsals on the concert piano during the week of the concert.
  - Videotaping of the concert will be allowed only from the back row of the main floor or the balcony and must be approved by the Operations Manager in advance. No flash photography.