MINOT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Efraín Amaya - Music Director

Minot Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition

ELIGIBILITY: Open to grades 9-12 instrumentalists, residing in North Dakota

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 20, 2026

LIVE AUDITIONS: December 15, 2026

PERFORMANCES: Winner performs with the MSO February 5 and 6, 2027

Additional information and application at www.minotsymphony.com or contact minotsymphony@minotstateu.edu or 701-858-4228.

Dylan Knell, 2025-2026 Young Artist

MINOT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION
for 2026-2027 concert season

1. Open to ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade instrumentalists, residing in North Dakota.

2. Previous winners are not eligible to compete again.

3. Student must perform a work for one soloist with standard orchestral accompaniment. Maximum time limit: 15 minutes. Cuts will only be allowed in the tutti sections. Auditions must take place with piano accompaniment (not provided.)

4. Repertoire choices must be approved by the Minot Symphony Music Director.

5. Application forms are due **November 20, 2026**.

6. Live auditions will be held Tuesday evening, **December 15, 2026** at 7:00pm in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at Minot State University.

7. First prize will be performances with the Minot Symphony Orchestra on **Friday, February 5, 2027** during the Young People's Concerts (9:30 & 12:00), and **Saturday, February 6 at 3:00pm**. The Music Director has the right to make cuts in the selection if it is too long. The winner will also be awarded a **$2,000 scholarship** to be used in their first year as a music major or minor at Minot State University.

8. Judges will consist of selected Minot State University faculty and the Minot Symphony Music Director.

9. If the winner cannot perform at the Minot Symphony concert, the second place winner will perform.

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