



2026 Rochester Flute Association Competitions

Application deadline: Emerging Artist, July 1

Application deadline: Junior and High School, September 20

Competition dates: Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17

Junior Competition (for flutists in grades 6-8 in the 2026-27 academic year)

The Rochester Flute Association hosts a competition for junior high school students on Saturday, October 17, 2026. The competition will be closed to the public and judges' comments will be provided.

Competition entry fee: \$45

Student RFA Membership for 2026-27 (\$20) and Flute Fair Day registration (\$20) are required with competition application

Application deadline: Sunday, September 20, 2026

Prizes: First prize, \$300
Second prize, \$150

Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Flute Fair Day

Repertoire: Gossec, *Tambourin* (with piano)

Finalists may choose to play with an RFA competition pianist (for an additional fee) or provide their own. Previous first prize winners of the RFA Junior Competition are ineligible.

High School Flute Competition (for flutists in grades 9-12 in the 2026-27 academic year)

The Rochester Flute Association hosts a competition for high school flutists on Saturday, October 17. The competition will be closed to the public and judges' comments will be provided.

Competition entry fee: \$45

Student RFA Membership for 2026-27 (\$20) and Flute Fair Day registration (\$20) are required with competition application.

Application deadline: Sunday, September 20, 2026

Prizes: First prize, \$300
Second prize, \$150

Saturday, October 17, 2026 at Flute Fair Day

Repertoire: Telemann Fantasy No. 2 in A minor + one contrasting piece of your choice (with piano)
Program maximum of 15 minutes, with piano cuts permitted

Finalists may choose to play with an RFA competition pianist (for an additional fee) or provide their own. Previous first prize winners of the RFA High School Competition are ineligible.

Emerging Artist Flute Competition (for flutists 18 or older by October 16, 2026)

The Rochester Flute Association hosts a competition to identify and celebrate outstanding emerging artists. We encourage applicants to choose music which showcases your unique artistic identity and artistry. This competition is in 2 rounds: a preliminary recorded round, and an open final round with 3 finalists, at Wilmot Recital Hall (Nazareth College) on Friday, October 16.

Entry fee: \$45

RFA Membership for 2026-27 (\$20 student/\$25 adult) and Flute Fair Day registration (\$20 student/\$25 adult) are required by October 1, 2026

Application deadline: Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Prizes: First prize, \$1000
Second prize, \$500
Third prize, \$250

First Round by **audio** recording, solo flute (due July 1, 2026; performers will be notified by August 1, 2026)
Repertoire: CPE Bach, Sonata in A Minor for solo flute, 1st and 2nd movements, and Karg Elert, *Chaconne*

Final Round Live on Friday, October 16, 2026 at Flute Fair, Wilmot Recital Hall (4245 East Ave, Rochester NY 14618)
Repertoire:
Valerie Coleman, *Requiem Milonga* and 2 to 3 contrasting pieces of your choice to create a program of 25 minutes
Any pieces scored for flute and piano must be played with piano

Finalists may choose to play with an RFA competition pianist (for an additional fee) or provide their own.
Previous first prize winners of the RFA Emerging Artist Competition are ineligible.

How to apply:

- * Complete online form, available at rfaonline.org/2026-performance-and-composition-competitions. You will be asked to list your repertoire choices for both rounds of the competitions (if applicable)
- * Submit \$45 competition entry fee to PayPal @RochesterFluteAssoc, or by check to Rochester Flute Association, PO Box 10173, Rochester, NY, 14610.
- * Membership and Flute Fair registration fees are required with competition entry fee for the Junior and High School competitors; these are due for Emerging Artists by October 1 if attending Flute Fair.
- * Emerging Artist Competitions, send **audio** (not video) recording to rfacompetitions@gmail.com, noting your name and competition category in subject line

For more information: contact Meghan Phelps, Competition Coordinator, at rfacompetitions@gmail.com