

2026 EDITH LANDO

GIFTED YOUTH COMPETITION

The Vancouver Academy of Music Edith Lando Gifted Youth Competition is designed to identify young talented students and afford them recognition and financial assistance. Two adjudicators external to VAM will choose eight finalists with \$3,000 in total awarded for 2026/27 VAM scholarships.

Application deadline: January 26, 2026, 11:59pm

Competition dates: February 23, 2026 *

** Students will receive notice of their specific time slot following the application deadline.*

Winner's Concert: March 8, 2026, 2pm

Eligibility

Eligible students:

- are 13 years of age or younger as of December 31, 2025;
- have been enrolled in VAM private lessons since the beginning of the academic year;
- have not appeared in more than three previous Gifted Youth Scholarship Recitals.

Repertoire

-Instrumentalists (except guitar students): Students will be required to prepare one work for a maximum of 10 minutes, from memory (minimum RCM 8 or equivalent). Those selected will be required to perform the same repertoire at the Winner's Concert.

-Guitar students: Students will be required to prepare one work for a maximum of 10 minutes, from memory (minimum RCM 6 or equivalent). Those selected will be required to perform the same repertoire at the Winner's Concert.

-Voice students may prepare two contrasting songs from classical, folk, or musical theatre genres, with a combined total duration of no more than 10 minutes (minimum RCM level 6 or equivalent). Those selected will be required to perform the same repertoire at the Winner's Concert.

Competition Rules

1. Applications are subject to a non-refundable registration fee of \$60 made payable to the Vancouver Academy of Music.
2. Two copies of the music must be submitted to the adjudicators during the competition phase (photocopies are permitted).
3. All scholarship recipients are required to perform in the Winners' Recital as part of their award. Failure to participate in the recital will result in the forfeiture of the scholarship, except in cases of illness or other extenuating circumstances, which must be communicated and approved in advance.
4. The competition is closed to the public with the exception of the parent/ guardian and teacher of the student performing; no video or audio recording permitted.
5. By submitting an application, students and their parent/guardian understand that any recording resulting from the winner's concert may be used for VAM promotional purposes.

To apply

Complete the form on the back page or apply online at: vam.ca.

2026 EDITH LANDO

GIFTED YOUTH COMPETITION

Application Form

Deadline: January 26, 2026, 11:59pm

Name: (First) _____ (Middle) _____ (Last) _____

Address: (Number and Street) _____

(City) _____ (Prov.) _____ (Postal Code) _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Instrument: _____

Name of Private Music Teacher: _____ Pianist: _____

- ☐ The student and their parent/guardian understand that, if the student is selected for a scholarship award, they must provide the student's Social Insurance Number to VAM in accordance with CRA regulations.

Work to be performed

Composer: _____

Title: _____

Movement (if applicable; please include number and title, *e.g.*, *I. Allegro*): _____

Duration: _____

By signing below, the contestant agrees to observe and abide by the rules, regulations, and restrictions as stated in this document.

Signature of Contestant: _____ Date: _____

Remember, your completed file must contain:

1. Completed application form
2. Non-refundable registration fee of \$60

Mail your completed file to: Niki Hung, Programs Coordinator

Vancouver Academy of Music 1270 Chestnut St | Vancouver, BC V6J 4R9

For Office use only

Application fee included: by cash _____ by cheque _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____