

**Rensselaer County School Music Association**  
**Solo Scholarship Festival**  
**Thursday, May 8, 2025**  
***The Robert C. Parker School***

The **2025 RCSMA Solo Scholarship Festival** will occur on **Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the Robert C. Parker School**. Interested students should read the following information and **submit a student application and the application fee (to your teacher) no later than Thursday, March 28th**. Once all applications are received, a schedule of audition times and further information will be given to teachers to distribute.

**Objectives:**

- To **develop** music excellence as a solo performer.
  - To **encourage** the performance of solo literature.
  - To **foster** the continued study of music.
  - To **recognize** outstanding performing musicians of Rensselaer County.
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1. College Scholarship Requirements: Performance of a solo comparable to a Grade V or VI listed in the NYSSMA Manual. In multi-movement works, the performer should perform **two (2)** contrasting movements.  
Time limit: 10 minutes.  
The applicant must be a graduating senior continuing his/her education in music (i.e., music ed./ music industry/ musical theater/ music therapy, etc.).  
Music must be his/her **major** in the course of undergraduate studies.  
**College scholarship auditions must be performed with an accompanist, unless the selection is intended to be performed unaccompanied.**  
First place - \$1000 (payable upon receipt of proof of college registration).  
Second place - \$500 (payable upon receipt of proof of college registration).
  2. Music Camp/Private Study/Instrument Purchase Scholarships: Performance of a solo comparable to a NYSSMA listing grade III or higher. Performers are encouraged to use an accompanist; however, it is not required at this level.  
Time limit: 5 minutes
    - grades 11-12
    - grades 9-10
    - grades 6-8Each category has two awards of \$300 and \$150.
  3. All applicants must be a member in good standing of his/her RCSMA school music department.
  4. Evaluation of the soloist will be by three non-Rensselaer County Adjudicators representing instrumental, strings, & voice.

5. A \$10 application fee is required - (Checks made out to RCSMA).
6. Each contestant is allowed only one performance.
7. *Photocopied music is prohibited.* A second original copy of the solo(s) must be provided for the adjudicators.
8. Students must submit applications and registration fees to their school's music teacher.

**For teachers only:**

**Online Applications must be submitted online by April 4 by the RCSMA teacher. (Student forms are due on March 28th to give teachers time to meet this deadline) The \$10 per student application fee must be postmarked by March 31st and sent to:**

Sara Feltes  
The Robert C. Parker School  
4254, NY Rte. 43  
Wynantskill, NY 12198

*All checks should be made payable to RCSMA*

**ONLINE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND AT [www.rcsma.org](http://www.rcsma.org) or in teachers' e-mail**

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**STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**

Please read the requirements of the Solo Scholarship Festival and return a completed application and the \$10 per student application fee to your teacher.

Checks should be made payable to RCSMA.  
Registration deadline is March 28, 2025.

(Please retain the top half of this page for your information)

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument or Voice type: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address (include city and zip code):  
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*The check will be mailed to your home address if selected for a scholarship.*

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Students selected for the scholarship will be informed via e-mail, so please put an e-mail address here that is checked regularly.*

**Please check the appropriate box:**

☐ **College Scholarship**

**Please indicate intended major in College (please note majors need to be MUSIC based. i.e., music ed/music industry/musical theater/music therapy, etc.):**  
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☐ **High School Scholarship (grades 11-12)**

☐ **High School Scholarship (grades 9-10)**

☐ **Middle School Scholarship (grades 6-8)**

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO YOUR TEACHER  
BY MARCH 28th.**