



THE RYAN ANTHONY

MEMORIAL TRUMPET COMPETITION

2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The International Trumpet Guild's annual ITG Conference Competition was renamed "The Ryan Anthony Memorial Trumpet Competition" through the generosity of the Dobson family of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the cooperation of Niki Anthony, CancerBlows, and The Ryan Anthony Foundation. ITG not only renamed the competition to honor Ryan's tremendous legacy, but also increased the event's stature by greatly expanding prize structures in each category. Winners may also be invited to participate in a CancerBlows event

Ryan Anthony had a multi-faceted, illustrious career as a trumpeter, which included time with the Canadian Brass and as principal trumpet of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. In every musical setting, including important musical competitions, what set Ryan apart was his joyful spirit. He put his soul into his music at all times, but even more so as he conducted his long fight with multiple myeloma. Bringing musicians together from around the world, through his work with CancerBlows and The Ryan Anthony Foundation, Ryan showed us the way to persevere, be strong, share, take joy in making music together, and in doing so, be a healing force for ourselves and the world. Having this competition named in his memory reminds us all that the ultimate competition is with ourselves and that we can be generous and kind to one another

as we make each other better. We shall compete joyfully and keep Ryan's spirit alive. Remember, Music = Hope.

-Mary Thornton

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Five Major Divisions: Chamber Music,
Jazz Improvisation, Orchestral Excerpts,
Solo Performance, and Wind Band Excerpts

First Prize in each division:	US\$3,500
Second Prize in each division:	US\$2,000
Third Prize in each division:	US\$1,000

Up to fifteen semi-finalists in each division will be invited to compete at the Conference.

Two Youth Divisions: Junior and Senior

First Prize in each division:	US\$500
Second Prize in each division:	US\$300
Third Prize in each division:	US\$200

ITG Conference Scholarships for Students



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ITG CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

The International Trumpet Guild announces scholarships provided by individuals and members of the music industry and by the Donald P. Bullock, Keith Clark, Richard B. Lehman, Clifton G. Plog, “Sandy” Sandberg, and Renold Schilke Memorial Scholarship Funds for the 2026 ITG Conference, which will take place May 26 – 30, 2026, in Rochester, New York (USA). Winners will receive US\$250, a certificate, and free Conference registration. Scholarships are available only to students.

Scholarship winners will be notified by March 15 and must indicate their acceptance of the scholarship to the chair via email by March 31. If a scholarship recipient is also named a finalist in a competition, they can still both compete and also be awarded a Scholarship. If a scholarship recipient has registered for the Conference prior to being notified about their scholarship award, individuals should request a refund from the ITG treasurer (conf.registration@trumpetguild.org) by March 31. **Attendance at the conference for a minimum of three *full* days is a requirement of each scholarship recipient.** You will need to check in at registration by 10:00 A.M. local time to be considered present for the first full day. If you do not meet this requirement or provide cause why you were unable to meet it, your scholarship may be revoked at the discretion of the Scholarships Chair, Competitions chair, and ITG treasurer. Scholarship recipients are also required to attend a formal presentation of their award, and details of this presentation will be provided by the chair.

Scholarship recipients must be full-time students, and recipients under the age of 18 must attend with an accompanying guardian. Neither the ITG nor ITG Conference assumes any liability for minors attending the Conference unsupervised.

How to Apply for the ITG Conference Scholarships

1. All scholarship applicants must apply online (<https://itgconference.org/scholarships>). Registration will open on November 15, 2025, and must be completed using one (only) valid email address by 11:59 P.M. EST on December 15, 2025 (10:59 Central, 9:59 Mountain, 8:59 Pacific times—please plan accordingly).
2. Applicants must submit a separate video for each competition piece. Videos must be recorded in one continuous take and from the audience’s view of the performer. Videos must be submitted on the scholarship application webpage (<https://itgconference.org/scholarships>) via YouTube link with the YouTube privacy setting “Unlisted” (not “Public” or “Private”). **Registration will open on November 15, 2025, and applications must be received with all uploads complete no later than 11:59 P.M. EST on December 15, 2025.**
 - No editing, digital manipulation, or enhancement of any kind may be made to a video. This observance is a matter of personal honor and professional integrity.
 - There must be absolutely no talking on the videos.
 - The title of the YouTube video should contain the competition’s name and the ITG membership number of the contestant. Do not list the applicant’s name in the title or any other part of the YouTube video.
3. There is no cost to enter this competition.
4. All entrants must be current ITG members *prior* to registering for the competition, and the deadline for both the membership and competition registration is 11:59 P.M. EST, December 15, 2025. New memberships may take up to five days to process. Please be sure to have your membership login details well ahead of the deadline.

Audition Requirements

Pre-High School Division: For students in grades 9 and under (or equivalent study) and born after May 1, 2010 (age 15 or under on May 1):

Robert Getchell, *Second Book of Practical Studies for Cornet and Trumpet*, #79

High School Division: For students in grades 10 – 12 (or equivalent study) and born after May 1, 2006 (age 19 or under on May 1):

1. Solo of your choosing* that is no shorter than five minutes and no longer than ten minutes in duration

College Division: For undergraduate students (or equivalent study) born after May 1, 2003 (age 22 or under on May 1):

1. Solo of your choosing* that is no shorter than five minutes and no longer than ten minutes in duration

Graduate Division: For graduate students (or equivalent study) born after May 1, 2000 (age 25 or under on May 1):

1. Solo of your choosing* that is no shorter than five minutes and no longer than ten minutes in duration

Jazz Scholarship Audition Requirements

Pre-College Division: For students in grades 12 or under (or equivalent study) and born after May 1, 2006 (age 19 or under on May 1):

1. Dizzy Gillespie, *Groovin’ High* and
2. A tune of the soloist’s choice

College/Graduate Division: For undergraduate and graduate students (or equivalent study) born after May 1, 2000 (age 25 or under on May 1):

1. Benny Golson, *Stablemates* and
2. A tune of the soloist’s choice

*If the applicant performs a piece with accompaniment, they should submit a video with an accompanist. If not, there is no need for accompaniment.

Judging

Judging of the audition videos will be done by professional trumpet players and will be based entirely on the performances submitted in the videos. The judges’ identities will not be revealed until the Conference, and competitors are prohibited from contacting the judges until after the Conference.

Questions regarding this competition may be addressed to the Scholarships chair: Dr. Michael Hengst, Metropolitan State University of Denver; confscholarships@trumpetguild.org



IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

US Citizens and Resident Aliens

Prize winnings awarded to US citizens and resident aliens will be reported on IRS Form 1099-MISC. Winners are responsible for any applicable federal and state income taxes and should consult with a tax advisor regarding their individual obligations. No automatic withholding will be applied to U.S. citizens or resident aliens, unless required by law due to backup withholding.

Non-Resident Alien (International) Prize Winners

In compliance with US tax law, a federal withholding tax of 30% will be applied to all prize amounts awarded to non-resident aliens (i.e., individuals who are not US citizens or resident aliens for tax purposes). This withholding is mandatory and will be deducted from the gross prize amount prior to disbursement. The withheld amount will be remitted directly to the IRS on behalf of the prize winner.

International winners will receive IRS Form 1042-S at the end of the calendar year for tax reporting purposes. Prize recipients may be eligible to claim a refund or reduced withholding under a tax treaty between the US and their country of residence; however, such eligibility must be documented in advance by submitting IRS Form W-8BEN and any other required documentation prior to the issuance of prize funds.

Important note

All winners will be required to complete the appropriate tax forms (e.g., Form W-9 for US citizens/residents, or Form W-8BEN for non-resident aliens) before prize payments can be processed. Failure to provide these forms may result in delayed payment or additional withholding as required by law. Please direct all questions regarding tax withholding and documentation to ITG Treasurer T.J. Tesh (treasurer@trumpetguild.org).

