

ALCESTER SINGERS YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2026

Competition Date: Friday 13th November 2026 at 7:00 PM

Venue: Greig Hall, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, B49 6AD

Entry Deadline: Monday 2nd November 2026



Dear Musician / Music Teacher,

Alcester Singers is delighted to announce our **Young Musician of the Year 2026** competition. We warmly invite young local musicians to showcase their talents for a chance to win a financial prize to support their musical journey.

Please review the updated rules and entry guidelines below:

Eligibility & Entry Requirements

Age Limit: Open to musicians aged 11 to 18 on 31st August 2026.

Location: Musicians must live or attend school within a 20-mile radius of Alcester.

Note: The boundary has been expanded this year to include schools in Worcester, Warwick, and Bromsgrove.

Minimum Standard: Competitors must have achieved Grade 5 or equivalent to be considered.

Exclusions: Previous winners of this competition are not eligible to enter.

Performance Guidelines

Repertoire: Competitors should perform a piece or pieces of their own choice.

Sheet Music: A copy of the music must be provided for the adjudicators on the evening of the performance.

Time Limit: Performances must not exceed 7 minutes.

Accompaniment: Competitors must provide their own accompanist if one is required.

Judging: A panel of three independent adjudicators will judge the performances. Their decision is final.

Prizes & Entry Details

The Prize: The winner will receive a £200 prize to be used toward their music studies, alongside the Young Musician Trophy to hold for one year. The winner will also be invited to perform at one or more future Alcester Singers concerts.

Entry Fee: £5 per competitor (payment details will be sent upon receipt of your application).

How to Apply: Email your completed entry form to youngmusician@alcestersingers.co.uk by **Monday 2nd November 2026**.

*Please note: Due to time constraints, we can only accept **a maximum of 12 entries**. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so early application is highly recommended.*

This competition is proudly sponsored by **The Howarth Memorial Fund**.

We look forward to welcoming you to an exceptional evening of music.

Warm regards,

The Alcester Singers Committee