



ATLANTA FESTIVAL ACADEMY

Purpose

To commemorate Atlanta Festival Academy's Fifth Anniversary, and with its emergence as a chamber music training destination, AFA will host a String Quartet Competition open to musicians ages 19 and younger. Student ensembles will have the opportunity to compete for almost \$13,000 in scholarship prizes towards AFA's 5th Anniversary European Tour!

When & Where

The first-round video submission deadline is **December 31, 2023**. Please see video submission details below.

The final round will take place live on **Saturday, February 17, 2024** in **Johns Creek, Georgia** which is located just north of Atlanta.

Competition Divisions

The 2024 String Quartet Competition will include two age divisions: **13-and-Under** and **14-to-19**.

Prizes

The members of each age division's **First Prize** winning quartet will each receive a **\$1000** scholarship applicable to Atlanta Festival Academy's 5th Anniversary European Tour.

The members of each age division's **Second Prize** winning quartet will each receive a **\$500** scholarship applicable to Atlanta Festival Academy's 5th Anniversary European Tour.

The members of each age division's **Third Prize** winning quartet will each receive a **\$100** scholarship applicable to Atlanta Festival Academy's 5th Anniversary European Tour.

Eligibility

The 5th Anniversary String Quartet Competition is open to all applicants; however, applicants must be able to join Atlanta Festival Academy's 2024 European Tour between **July 8 and July 22, 2024** (financial aid may be available to assist with tuition/travel costs).

To compete in the **13-and-Under Division**, the four ensemble members' average age must be *equal to or less than 13.33 years old*. Applicants' ages on August 1, 2023 will be used to determine what age-division they compete in.

To compete in the **14-to-19 Division**, the four ensemble members' average age must be *equal to or more than 13.34 years old and equal to or less than 19.33 years old*. Applicants' ages on August 1, 2023 will be used to determine what age-division they compete in.

Application Details

Please complete the ensemble application found [here](#). There is a \$100 ensemble application fee for the 5th Anniversary String Quartet Competition.

Video Submission Details

Please upload your video to [YouTube](#), title your video with "AFA 2024 Quartet Competition, YOUR ENSEMBLE'S NAME", and select **Unlisted** when you upload it. Separate takes of your competition pieces are allowed, but **no** edits within those takes are permitted.

All first-round materials, including application and video, must be submitted by December 31, 2023.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact us at Support@AtlantaFestivalAcademy.org. Please put "Quartet Competition" in your subject line.

Competition Repertoire

Junior Division

- First movement from F. J. Haydn Quartet Op.1 No. 1

AND

A First **or** Last movement from one of the following compositions:

- Any F. J. Haydn Quartet
- W. A. Mozart – any Quartet from K. 387 or later/higher
- Beethoven Op. 18 Quartets
- Mendelssohn Quartets Op. 12 or Op. 13
- Dvorak "American" Quartet Op. 96
- Borodin Quartet No. 2
- Shostakovich – First **and** Second movement from Quartet no. 8
- Prokofiev Quartet No. 2 Op. 92

Senior Division

- A First movement from any of the F. J. Haydn Op. 76 Quartets

AND

A First movement from any string quartet by the following composers:

- Beethoven
- Brahms
- Schubert
- Schumann
- Mendelssohn
- Tchaikovsky
- Dvorak
- Smetana
- Borodin
- Verdi
- Debussy
- Ravel
- Shostakovich (Movements 1 and 2 if performing Quartet No. 8)
- Prokofiev
- Bartok
- Wolf's *Italian Serenade*