

The Salit Foundation

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2026 Iba-Tenorio Scholarship Competition

Competition Information, Rules & Guidelines

The Salit Foundation Iba-Tenorio Scholarship Competition is designed to encourage and recognize outstanding young pianists through a two-round competition.

Eligibility

Junior Division: Participants age 13 and under as of **October 1, 2026**

Senior Division: Participants ages 14–18 as of **October 1, 2026**

Competition Schedule

First Round – Video Submission

Submission Deadline: Friday, September 18, 2026

Applicants must submit:

- A completed online application
- A video performance (YouTube link preferred)
- Proof of age (birth certificate, passport, or driver's license) •

Non-refundable application fee:

- **Early Bird:** \$75
- **Regular:** \$100
- **Late:** \$105 (after the posted deadline)

Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

Video Requirements

Applicants must submit one piece **memorized** that demonstrate both technical proficiency and musical artistry.

- Selection must be performed from memory.
- The performance must be recorded in **one continuous, unedited take**.
- Professional recording equipment is **not required**. Videos recorded using a smartphone or similar device are acceptable.
- Participants should wear appropriate concert attire as if performing in a live audition.

Competitors selected to advance to the Final Round will be notified after the application review period.

Final Round – Live Competition

Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026

Location:

Salit Conservatory of Music

1001 W. Riverside Drive

Burbank, CA 91506

Schedule: To Be Announced

Junior Division

One Piece Memorized

Maximum performance time: **10 minutes**

Senior Division

One Piece Memorized

Maximum performance time: **13 minutes**

Competitors are not required to make cuts to their repertoire; however, performances exceeding the time limit may be stopped at the discretion of the judges.

Competitors must perform the **same repertoire submitted in the Preliminary Round**.

Concerto Division

The **Concerto Division** will also take place on **October 4, 2026**, following the scholarship competition.

Concerto winners will be invited to perform with orchestra during the **Salit Foundation Winners Concert in March 2027** (date to be announced).

Additional concerto repertoire requirements and orchestral reduction guidelines will be provided separately.

General Competition Rules

- All repertoire must be performed from memory, including any cadenzas.
- Competitors are responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses.
- Any repertoire requiring accompaniment must be performed with the competitor's own collaborative pianist.
- Competitors are responsible for arranging rehearsals with and compensating their collaborative pianist.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- Judges reserve the right not to award prizes if, in their judgment, the required artistic standard has not been met.
- Any competitor who contacts a judge regarding the competition before or after the event will be disqualified.
- Submission of the online application constitutes acceptance of all Competition Rules, Guidelines, and the Competition Agreement.

Awards

Three winners will be selected in each division.

Senior Division (Ages 14–18)

First Prize: \$350

Second Prize: \$200

Third Prize: \$100

Junior Division (Ages 13 & Under)

First Prize: \$200

Second Prize: \$100

Third Prize: \$50

Winners Concert

Sunday, October 4, 2026

5:00 PM

Salit Conservatory of Music

1001 W. Riverside Drive

Burbank, CA 91506

All prize recipients are required to attend and perform at the Winners Concert in order to receive their scholarship award.

Failure to perform without prior approval from the Competition Committee may result in forfeiture of the award.

Arbitration

In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from these Competition Rules, the Competition Agreement, or participation in the Competition, the parties agree to first make every reasonable effort to resolve the matter through good-faith discussion and negotiation.

If a resolution cannot be reached within sixty (60) days, the dispute shall be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules.

Questions

For additional information, please contact:

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