

*South Coast Singers Presents*

# *Stars of Tomorrow*

## **2026 Competition Guidelines**

### **General Information**

All Orange County high school students are eligible to apply, regardless of whether they are currently enrolled in a music class. This competition is for vocal soloists only—no duets or groups, and no instrumentalists. There are **two** categories: Classical and Musical Theatre. **Note:** Current high school members of South Coast Singers are not eligible to compete.

We suggest you choose a song that best reflects your musical interests and showcases your individual talent. ***You may only submit ONE audition song and be judged in ONE category only. Songs are limited to 4 minutes in length.***

### **About the Video Auditions**

This year's auditions will be done virtually. There are 4 components needed for a full audition submission:

1. APPLICATION FORM
2. BIO
3. HEADSHOT
4. AUDITION VIDEO

The **application** and **bio** must be submitted in **Microsoft Word** or **PDF file formats only**. (See SOT application for more detail.) Bios must be limited to 6–8 sentences. The **video** audition must be sent via a link to **YouTube** or a **Vimeo** site ***with the password included.***

Please email your full audition submission to [sotapplication@gmail.com](mailto:sotapplication@gmail.com) no later than **Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 11:59 PM**. Audition material submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

## **Judging**

Students will be judged on performance, vocal quality, presentation, and song selection. **Ten candidates** will be chosen as semi-finalists for each category. Semi-finalists will be announced **April 16**. A judging panel consisting of three qualified industry professionals will then select the top three winners in each category, which will be announced on **May 4**. Information about our judging panel will be available on our website. The SOT judges reserve the right to select no winners if no one qualifies.

## **Your Responsibilities as a Finalist**

Finalists are responsible for meeting all deadlines listed regarding the Stars of Tomorrow competition. First place winners will be invited to perform at one of the South Coast Singers Spring Concerts showcasing on June 7 at South Shores Church in Dana Point and June 14 at Presbyterian Church of the Master in Mission Viejo, both at 4:00 PM. Scholarships will be awarded to the winning participants at the concert at which they perform. ***Dress code for the performance is semi-formal to formal attire.***

There will be dress rehearsals that we encourage the performers to attend on either June 1 or June 2. ***Dress code is casual for this dress rehearsal.***

## **Stars of Tomorrow Promotion**

The first place winner for each category will receive two free tickets to the South Coast Singers Spring Concert at which they will perform.

Additionally, South Coast Singers would greatly appreciate your support by forwarding this information to anyone who might be interested.

## **Application Assistance**

If you need assistance or have questions about the application, video audition, bio, headshot, dress rehearsals, or **South Coast Singers** Spring Concert performances, please email us at [sotapplication@gmail.com](mailto:sotapplication@gmail.com).