

# Student Violinists (Fiddlers)

## You are cordially invited to participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Scottish Fiddle Competition

Sponsored by

Colorado Elks Association (<https://www.elks.org/states/?vhpID=8006>)

Scottish Fiddle Club of Colorado

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The Competition is for Colorado violinists in **grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>** in four grade categories.

Prescribed tune sets will be performed for judges for **cash prizes**.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, October 4, 2025**

**WHERE:** **Lakewood United Church of Christ**

100 Carr Street, Lakewood, CO 80226 (Please MapQuest this address.)  
(This is on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue at Carr Street between Wadsworth and Garrison.)

**TIME:** **8:00 to 5:00**

Fiddlers will be scheduled for 10-minute performance times, by category and on a first form-received, first-served basis.

There are **four grade categories** (see the attached list).

Pre-registration is required. Participants must perform prescribed music and **request the FREE sheet music and sound files** from the Competition Director listed below. Memorization is NOT required but is strongly encouraged at least for practice. These will be solo performances, without accompaniment. Students will perform for judges in private. This is not a public performance event, although the music can be heard from a short distance away.

**Cash prizes** will be awarded (see the list below). Winning fiddlers will be announced on the evening of the Competition by email. The winning fiddlers will also be publicized.  
All participants will receive award or participation certificates.

The **registration form** (see attached) must be received by **September 27, 2025**.

Mail your form to: Ken McIntosh, 8989 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 405-South, Lakewood, CO 80215,  
or email it as a scan.

Contact Ken McIntosh at [kenmcintosh@idcomm.com](mailto:kenmcintosh@idcomm.com) or 303-234-0469 (no texts, please)  
for the **free sheet music and sound files**.

***We look forward to seeing you at the Competition!***

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## Grade Categories, Required Performance Music, and Awards\*

Grade levels are those as of October 2025.

Grade Categories	Required Pieces to Perform	Cash Awards*
Grades 3, 4 and 5	<i>Skye Boat Song Set</i> (waltz, jig, reel)	First: \$200 Second: \$100 Third: \$50
Grades 6, 7 and 8	<i>Cathkin Braes Set</i> (strathspey, jig, 2 reels)	First: \$300 Second: \$150 Third: \$75
Grades 9 and 10	<i>Banks of Spey Set</i> (strathspey, jig, 2 reels)	First: \$400 Second: \$200 Third: \$100
Grades 11 and 12	<i>Hurricane Set</i> (barn dance, strathspey, reel)	First: \$500 Second: 300 Third: \$200

**\*NOTE: “Honorable Mention” designations are also possible.**

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***The sheet music, sound files and performance guidelines will be provided upon request.***

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### About Scottish fiddle music...

Scottish fiddling, even to untrained ears, can be distinguished from other Celtic and Folk fiddling styles by its particular precision of execution and energetic delivery. The style has a very large repertoire consisting of a great variation of styles, rhythms and keys, arguably more than in related styles such as Irish fiddle music. Alan Watson of The Scottish Fiddle Society in Scotland tells us that there are over 12,000 published Scottish fiddle tunes. Scottish fiddle music is popular all over the world and has many talented exponents performing the wide variety of regional styles. To learn more about this great music, download the free document entitled ***Some Perspectives on Scottish Fiddling***, by visiting the Scottish Fiddle Club of Colorado website at [https://scotsfiddle.org/ScotsFiddle\\_org%20Web%20site\\_filtered.htm](https://scotsfiddle.org/ScotsFiddle_org%20Web%20site_filtered.htm)

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## Registration Form

(Please print clearly)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (street, city and zip code): \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in school (as of October 2025): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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# About the Competition Sponsors...

## Colorado Elks Association

The Colorado Elks Association is the parent organization of the more than 30 Elks lodges in Colorado and is a subordinate branch of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) of the United States of America, all of which are non-profit charitable groups.

Elks Lodges are also social organizations, but they bring much more to their communities than social interaction and friendship. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up. Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children to grow, and by honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

The Elks started out as a fraternal order and social club founded in 1868 in New York but eventually expanded into a charitable organization. The Elks National Foundation was established in 1928 and is the charitable arm of the BPOE. The Foundation, with an endowment valued at more than \$400 million, has contributed \$253.5 million toward Elks' charitable projects nationwide. It is one of the leading fraternal orders in the United States claiming nearly one million members. Their motto is "**Elks Care, Elks Share.**" Membership is open to men and women of all races and religions. Members expend considerable energy, time and money on youth programs and other charitable efforts.

The Colorado Elks Association is proud to serve as one of the sponsors of the Fiddle Competition. Encouraging and recognizing kids who achieve in the area of music is very compatible with the Elks' mission statement, as well as being a lot of fun.

*Best of luck to all of the participants!*

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The Scottish Fiddle Club of Colorado was started in 2011 in order to promote the Scottish fiddle repertoire, as well as other styles of fiddling. The club is open to kids and adults of all playing levels. Thus far, several workshops have been conducted, five concerts have been presented, two television appearances have been made, and four YouTube performances have been produced. Most importantly, hundreds of pieces of music have been developed, and hundreds of people have enjoyed learning about the music.

The Competition was started in 2012 as an additional offering to the general violin community. The Fiddle Club serves as the organizer and host of the event, as well as a co-sponsor.

**We are very grateful to the Colorado Elks Association, and all of the Colorado lodges, for their support.**

**We are also grateful to the terrific kids who participate in the event and make it work!**