

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



CSO Fellow
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The Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is accepting applications for the CSO Fellowship Program for the 2026/27 Season. Auditions will be held for violin and cello.

The CSO Fellowship Program is an initiative that assists early-career musicians from all backgrounds that have overcome adversity (e.g., financial hardship, professional setback, cultural barriers and discrimination) as they seek a career in classical-music performance.

Fellows will gain experience rehearsing and performing in a major symphony orchestra setting, working with the best conductors and receiving training and mentorship from CSO musicians to better equip them to win auditions with top U.S. orchestras, including the CSO.

Video audition application deadline:

11:59 p.m. Central Time on Monday, March 23, 2026
There is no application fee for this program.

More information at:
cso.org/fellowship

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