



**APPLICATION**  
**ERNST BACON MEMORIAL AWARD**  
**for the Performance of American Music, 2025-26**

Refer to the website ([www.theamericanprize.org](http://www.theamericanprize.org)) for application DEADLINES.

**WHO IS APPLYING:**  solo artist or composer  chamber ensemble  conducted ensemble  conductor (Choose one.)

**ARE YOU:**  professional high ed:  smaller program  larger program  community or faith-based  youth/magnet school  high school  
 Please consider this application for the Marian Anderson Social Justice Award (see website for details)

Print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (person making application) (board member, conductor, ensemble musician, composer, etc)

Identify performers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (name of ensemble, solo artist, conductor, etc.)

Title & composer of work(s) for consideration \_\_\_\_\_  
 (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Your permanent address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ City/state where ensemble based \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address \_\_\_\_\_ Confirm email \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL required of ALL applicants:** [theamericanprize@gmail.com](mailto:theamericanprize@gmail.com)

Identify the applicant in the subject line of a SINGLE email which contains:

- 1. A 150 word (maximum) biography of the artist(s) sent in the body of an email, not as an attachment. The bio will be printed verbatim should the applicant win The American Prize. Include your website address in the bio if you want it published.
- 2. A photograph of the artist(s) (JPEG or PGN only) sent as an attachment. Be sure the file name includes applicant's name.
- 3. The name and email addresses of up to 5 media outlets you wish to receive press releases from us, should the applicant win The American Prize, such as local newspapers, radio or television stations, alumni newsletters, etc. Please list them in this format: (examples: THE SPRINGFIELD TIMES arts editor: [arts@springfieldtimes.com](mailto:arts@springfieldtimes.com) —or— Robert Smith, alumni director, Springfield College: [rsmith@cspring.edu](mailto:rsmith@cspring.edu))

**A. APPLYING ONLINE ONLY:** (pay fees via our paypal link, submit this form as an attachment named for the applicant, along with the required email content—see above—include links to online audition selections.) Sign form below.

**PAY APPLICATION FEE \$65:**  PAYPAL <http://www.theamericanprize.org/PayCompetitionFees.html>

—or—

**B. APPLYING BY MAIL & EMAIL:**

- MAIL:  1. A hard copy of this application.
2. Two identical recordings of the artist(s), with name and selection(s) clearly marked on the cd or dvd and on each recording box or sleeve. No loose discs, please. (See website for requirements for the recording.)
3. Don't forget to send the required email.

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CHECK OR MONEY ORDER made out to: HCMT/The American Prize, 25 Hamilton Drive, Suite 100, Danbury, CT 06811

CREDIT CARD

Please charge my credit card:  MC  V  DSC

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ CVV\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*3-digit code on back of card

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

**If making multiple applications,** they may be sent together. Be sure to include the application form for each competition, 2 copies of EACH disc and EACH fee in the same envelope. No incomplete applications. No refunds. No materials will be returned.

**SIGNATURE:** By signing this form, you attest that the recording included in this application is of the artist(s) here named. You understand and agree to abide by all the rules of The American Prize competition, agree to accept related emails from The American Prize, and authorize us to publish the photo and biographical information of the applicant via electronic or other media, including on our websites.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications will be confirmed by email. The decisions of the judges are final.

The American Prize is administered by Hat City Music Theater Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Danbury, CT.