



APPLICATION for COMPOSERS

The American Prize in COMPOSITION (POPS / light music division), 2025-26

Refer to the website (www.theamericanprize.org) for application DEADLINES.

SELECT the category in which you are applying. (Choose only one.) If you are applying in more than one composition contest, and/or for the BACON award, please complete those application(s) and check this box: ☐

- ☐ professional composer ☐ college/university (student) composer. ☐ high school composer
☐ Please consider this application for the Marian Anderson Social Justice Award (see website for details)

Print your name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Your email (print) _____ Confirm email (print) _____

List each work _____

EMAIL required of ALL applicants: 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 —or— Robert Smith, alumni director, Springfield College: rsmith@cspring.edu)

A. APPLYING ONLINE: 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 recording(s). Sign form below. Attach PDFs (see website) or send two SCORES BY MAIL (address 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. Include stamped self-addressed envelope (minimum size must be 11x14 in.) for the return of scores.
- ☐ 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.) Attach PDFs (see website) or send SCORES BY MAIL.
- ☐ 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

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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.

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