



# APPLICATION for CONDUCTORS

The American Prize in Orchestral Programming  
Vytautas Marijosius Memorial Award, 2025-26

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

**SELECT** the category of ensemble—choose only one. (If you are applying for other CONDUCTING, DIRECTING or ENSEMBLE prizes or the BACON Award, please also complete those applications).

- professional orchestra     community or faith-based orchestra     youth orchestra
- college or university orchestra     secondary or high school orchestra

Please consider this application for the Marian Anderson Social Justice Award (see website for details)

Print your name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
(board member, conductor, ensemble musician, parent, etc)

Name of ensemble \_\_\_\_\_ Conductor \_\_\_\_\_  
(of the ensemble, if different)

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

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City/state where ensemble based \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Be sure to identify the applicant in the subject line of a SINGLE email which contains:

- 1. A 150 word (maximum) biography of the conductor 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 conductor (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 other required email content—see above—attach PFDs of links to online files of program pages for your orchestra, along with any supporting statement about your philosophy of programming.) 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 sets of program pages for your orchestra.
  - 3. Two copies of any supporting statement about your philosophy of programming.
  - 4. 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 ensemble 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Your application will be acknowledged by email. The decisions of judges are final.

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