

Music (Composition) – Guidelines for Support Material

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Who may apply?

- Applicants who demonstrate the commitment to pursue a career in composition and who are not yet established in their field.

Written support material: Submit in PDF format whenever possible

- [Artist Statement](#)
 - Artist Statements can be submitted in written or video format, whichever you feel represents you best. (If choosing the video option, please merge with any other supporting videos).
- [Budget](#), as directed in the online application.
- [Artist Resume](#)
- Evidence of creative work in score form, with an emphasis on complete compositions that have been performed and, preferably, recorded. A variety of instrumentation is also recommended, as well as the submission of composition performances.
- Index listing the order and length of all selections (beginning and end time of each piece in the video/sound recording). Please include as much detail as you see fit, e.g. a brief description setting the context for the work.
- Acknowledgement of the musicians in your submission.

Video and/or sound recording:

- Upload 1 video and/or audio recording of composition performance(s) of the highest possible sound quality to YouTube, Vimeo, or SoundCloud. If you don't have a performance recording of your composition, please submit the score and a MIDI file.
- If applicant is applying for both deadlines (March 1st and May 1st) then a new introduction and one new piece of content must be added to the applicant's video for the May 1st deadline. If this is not possible, please include a written or video statement indicating why.
- If needed, video equipment can be rented at these locations:
 - Halifax Central Library FREE media studio bookings:
<https://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/library-spaces/book-a-space/media-studio/>
 - Atlantic Filmmaker Cooperative <https://afcoop.ca/equipment-facilities/rental-rates/>
 - Centre For Art Tapes (CFAT) <https://www.cfat.ca/production/>
 - Long & McQuade <https://www.long-mcquade.com/rentals/main/>

How should your video be shot and submitted?

- **Film your video in landscape.**
- Only 1 video link is to be submitted. Please merge all required parts into 1 video. **If you need help with this, please get in touch with us!**
- Use the highest quality lighting, resolution, and sound recording possible.
- Do not cut off your head or your feet.
- Use a neutral background. Do NOT film into mirrors.
- Provide a YouTube or Vimeo link to your video in your application.
- Do not submit recordings made using pitch correction software (Autotune or Melodyne). They will not be accepted for consideration because the jury will be unable to properly assess your material.

- Include the date completed/recorded for all support materials. **All submissions of work must be from the 12-month time period prior to the application date.** If your materials predate this timeframe, please explain why.
- Ensure the total run time should not exceed 10 minutes.

What should be included in the video?

- Merge into one video: 2 to 4 selections of your work (2-4 minutes each). If you don't have a performance video, submit the scores and MIDI files.

By following these guidelines, you will ensure you provide submissions that clearly demonstrate ability and potential and relate directly to the program proposed in the application. Ask your teacher/mentor for guidance. For more clarification or for support, contact us at scholarship@nstalenttrust.ns.ca. To book a time to get help with your scholarship application, please fill out the form [HERE](#).