

Music (Voice) – Guidelines for Support Material

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Who may apply?

- Applicants who demonstrate the commitment to pursue a career in voice 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](#)
- 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. Ensure you include the title and composer for each piece.
- Acknowledgement of the accompanist and any other musicians in your submission.

Video:

- Applicants for music (any genre) must upload one video, which represents the best of their performance ability and is of the highest possible sound quality, to YouTube or Vimeo.

- 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 full body movement and use long shots as well as close-ups.
- Be sure the excerpts or short works you've picked demonstrate the full range of styles of which you are capable.

- 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?

For classical singers:

- PART 1: a spoken introduction at the beginning in a head and shoulders shot.
- PART 2: 2 to 4 selections demonstrating a range of historical performance styles and that require the portrayal of contrasting emotions and mood (2-4 minutes each). **All included in 1 video.**

Note: Submissions with multiple languages are appreciated by the jury.

For all other genres (contemporary, jazz, hip hip, cultural, folk, etc):

- PART 1: a spoken introduction at the beginning in a head and shoulders shot.
- PART 2: 2 to 4 selections demonstrating a range of music and that require the portrayal of contrasting emotions and mood (2-4 minutes each). **All included in 1 video.**

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](#).