

Eligibility

- Level I: students ages 12-16
- Level II: students ages 17-21
- ***\$20.00 Application Fee required***

Prize:

- Public performance of winning compositions by Chamber Project Saint Louis
- Professional recording of the concert
- Critique of work and conference with the guest composer

Composition Guidelines:

1. Format: Compositions should be for 2 to 7-member music ensembles and 3-15 minutes in length utilizing instruments from standard orchestral instrumentation.
2. Medium: Traditional manuscript and audio recording or MIDI realization required.
3. Evaluation: Melody, Harmony, Rhythm, Style, Form, Instrumentation, Labeling, Notation, Musicality
4. Panel of Judges: Published composer(s) and school/university theory and composition faculty

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Oct. 22, 2021. The winners will be announced no later than Jan. 7, 2022.

Submission Guidelines:

1. Each applicant may submit only one work for consideration.
2. Compositions must fulfill the formatting and medium requirements listed above.
3. Compositions must be wholly original works composed by the applicant.
4. Composition should be performable by university faculty-level professional musicians. Works requiring amplification, computer, tape, or CD are not eligible.
5. Composer's name should not appear on the score. Scores should be identified by pseudonym.
6. Previous first place winners not eligible to enter the competition for one year - exception being if Level I winner aged into Level II for the following year.

Submission Instructions:

1. Complete the online entry form. After you have submitted the form you will be directed to pay the entry fee by credit card online. All submissions must be accompanied by payment to be considered.
2. Upload the computer-engraved score and parts, program notes and composer bio (each 200 words or less) where indicated on the form (ALL IN PDF FORMAT).
3. Send the link to the Teacher Certification Form to your instructor.
4. Email audio recording/MIDI realization, in MP3 format to jblackburn77@webster.edu
5. You will receive an automatic email response if you've completed the entry form correctly. You will also receive email notification when the Teacher Certification Form has been completed by your instructor. THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION FORM MUST BE COMPLETED to be considered.