



Music (Instrumental) – Guidelines for Support Material

Who may apply?

- Applicants who demonstrate the commitment to pursue a career in music (instrumental) and who are not yet established in their field.

Video:

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

Written support material:

- Artist statement (max. 500 words).
- Budget, as directed in the online application.
- An artist résumé (usually one page long, in PDF format).
- Index (PDF format) 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 short description setting the context for the work.
- Acknowledge your accompanist and any other people with whom you are playing.

How should your video be shot and submitted?

- Use the highest quality lighting.
- Use the highest quality sound recording.
- Do not cut off your head or your feet or block your face with your instrument.
- Use a neutral background.
- Provide a YouTube or Vimeo link to your video in your application.
- Do not submit recordings made using auto-tuning or other editing software.** They will not be accepted for consideration because the jury will be unable to properly assess your material.
- Include the date the work was completed/recorded. **All submissions of work must be from the 12-month time period prior to the application date.** If these materials predate this timeframe, please explain why.
- Submit recordings with a total running time of **10 minutes maximum** (you may have to choose part of a piece of music).

What should be included in the video?

- Part 1: a spoken introduction at the beginning in a head and shoulders shot.
- Part 2: three (3) contrasting works (by different composers), preferably representing a variety of historical periods, that clearly highlight your artistic range and technical ability, and where the jury can clearly see you playing the instrument.

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 information or clarification, contact NSTT at scholarship@nstalenttrust.ns.ca.