

**The Ford Musician Awards for
Excellence in Community Service**
A Program of the League of American Orchestras
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ABOUT THE FORD MUSICIAN AWARDS

Orchestra musicians are devoting increased personal resources to community engagement and educational activities that extend beyond the concert hall, and pivoting in new and creative ways to deliver this work virtually during the pandemic. To recognize the commitment of extraordinary musicians and the impact of their achievements, the League of American Orchestras seeks applications from musicians and nominations by orchestra administrators for the 2021 Ford Musician Awards for Excellence in Community Service. Now in its fifth year, the awards program, made possible through the generosity of Ford Motor Company Fund, celebrates and honors these professionals, their orchestras, and their communities.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 8, 2021 (11:59pm)

ABOUT THE AWARD

- Five musicians will be selected.
- Each musician winner will receive a cash award of \$2,500 and a complimentary registration to the League's National Conference.
- The winning musician's orchestra will receive a grant of \$2,500 to support professional development for its roster of musicians and a complimentary registration for one staff member to attend the League's National Conference.

ELIGIBILITY

- Your orchestra must be a League member in good standing. (*Youth, collegiate, and international orchestras are not eligible.*)
- The community engagement work you do is performed under the umbrella of your orchestra, but need not be a paid position.
- You must be a full-time member of the orchestra, with at least one year's employment at the time of application. (*Substitute musicians and conductors are not eligible.*)
- You have been performing this community engagement work for at least one full calendar year.
- At the League's *virtual* National Conference, June 7-17, 2021, you agree to participate as a panelist in an education and community engagement session featuring the Ford Musician Awards winners and to attend a session to be recognized and accept your award.
- The League welcomes applicants from all backgrounds.

- Awardees and their orchestras are required to produce a 3-minute video showcasing their work to be presented during the National Conference and featured on the League's website.
 - A \$1,000 honorarium will be provided to assist in the production of this video.
 - Examples can be found by visiting our Ford Musician Awards [website](#).
- Past applicants are encouraged to apply again. Previous winners are not eligible.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Deadline: Monday, February 8, 2021 (11:59pm)

- Complete our application form on the Acceptd platform. (You'll will be asked to create an account if you don't already have one.)
- The application is FREE.
 1. Submit a Personal Statement (*see guidelines below*)
 2. Submit a Resume – no more than two pages, please.
 3. (*Optional*) Images, video, website links, etc. that visually tell the story of the work you do.
 4. One letter of support from a staff member (from the community organization where you work) who can directly attest to what you do and the impact it has. (*see guidelines below*)

PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES

Please, only submit PDF files that are no more than two pages, using a standard size font.

- Tell us your story. Inspire us!
 - What work do you do, where?
 - Whom in the community do you serve?
 - Why do you do this work?
 - How is this work making a difference?
 - How does this work touch the individuals and community you engage?

GUIDELINES FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Please, only submit PDF files that are no more than two pages, using a standard size font.

- Tell us about the musician you work with!
 - Please describe your organization and the work it does.
 - How long have you known and worked with the applicant?
 - Please describe the impact their work is making in your organization/community.
 - What makes their work exemplary?
 - Why should they be selected as a Ford Musician Awards winner?

QUESTIONS?

Please contact James Barry, Senior Manager, Artistic and Learning Programs, at jbarry@americanorchestras.org

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