



2021 Davidson Fellows Scholarship Music Requirements Checklist

Deadline: March 10, 2021, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time

The applicant must submit a portfolio that is representative of his or her talent as a composer, classical instrumentalist or other instrumentalist.

Please select one of the following domains:

- Composer Classical Instrumentalist Other Instrumentalist

Portfolio Components - **IMPORTANT: Please see Covid-19 addendum at end of checklist**

○ **Composer**

Please submit a minimum of THREE scores with recordings. MIDI realization is acceptable.

○ **Classical Instrumentalist**

Component One: A high quality video recording in an audition format demonstrating your breadth and depth as a classical musician by playing at least one piece from three of the following periods: Baroque, Classical, Romantic or Contemporary. The recording should not exceed 45 minutes.

Component Two: An unedited video of a public performance that was filmed within one year of this application and includes at least one complete movement of a concerto, sonata or solo piece.

○ **Other Instrumentalist** - Examples in this subcategory include jazz musicians, bluegrass performers and any other type of instrumentalist other than classical.

Component One: A high quality video recording in an audition format demonstrating your breadth and depth as a musician. Please include at least one solo piece played from a written manuscript demonstrating that the performer knows how to read music and performances of at least three additional pieces of music. The recording should not exceed 45 minutes.

Component Two: An unedited video of a public performance filmed within one year of this application.

Please Note:

- Applicants in the Classical Instrumentalist or Other Instrumentalist, do not need to write/compose the music being performed.
- Audition format is defined as a trial performance by a musician to demonstrate suitability or skill.
- The Davidson Fellows Scholarship does not accept applications in other performing arts categories such as dance, drama, vocal, etc.



Two Nominators Required

Two individuals who are familiar with your work must each submit a Davidson Fellows Nominating Form. Family members/relatives may not serve as nominators.

Forms must be submitted directly by the nominator to the Davidson Institute on or before the submission deadline of March 10, 2021, 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. Both nominators are required. Applications with missing Nominating Forms as of the March 10, 2021 deadline will be disqualified.

Attachments to the Davidson Fellows Application

All attachments are to be completed by the applicant. The word count or length of the attachments is up to the applicant.

Note: Applicants in ALL categories must submit Attachments 1 through 3.

ATTACHMENT ONE: Process Essay

- **Part One:** Please answer the following questions:
 - What inspired you to pursue this work?
 - How much time (hours/days/months) did it take you to complete this work?
 - How did you organize the work that went into doing it?
 - What difficulties did you encounter and how did you handle them?
- **Part Two:** Please answer the following questions:
 - Where was the work completed?
 - Who supervised your work? (Give names, titles, addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers)
 - What help have you received in doing this work?
 - List who helped you and what assistance he/she provided. (Please include individuals who offered equipment, ideas, critiques, materials, methodology, etc.)
- **Part Three:** Please tell us how Covid-19 has impacted your work. Be candid! It is important for the judging panel to know how the pandemic shutdown affected your work.
 - Did Covid-related closures impact your portfolio? If so, how did you adapt?
 - Did the pandemic affect your progress as a musician? If so, where do you think your musicianship would be at this point had there not been a pandemic?
 - Did Covid impact your portfolio in other ways?
 - Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

ATTACHMENT TWO: Significance and Benefit to Society Essay

Please explain why your submission qualifies as a significant piece of work, as defined by at least one of the following criteria:

- exceptional creativity



- a new idea with high impact and/or broad implications
- an innovative solution with regional, state and/or national implications
- an important advancement that can be replicated and built upon
- an interdisciplinary discovery with the potential to effect positive change
- a prodigious performance

Also, please explain how your work may make a positive contribution to society or has social relevance.

☐ ATTACHMENT THREE: Video Describing Work

Submit a maximum 10-minute, home-production quality video recording. You are encouraged to speak “from the heart” in your video, rather than reading directly from a script. The video is a chance to talk about a topic not addressed in the essays or to expand upon a point the essays touched on only briefly. Suggestions for the structure of the video:

- In the first few minutes, you could briefly describe your submission summarizing why it was done, its significance, its benefit to society/social relevance and other details of your accomplishment.
- Continue by describing how you became interested in this project, how it evolved and how working on it has helped you develop your talents.
- Next, describe how your submission fits into the larger context of the field of study and describe the specific ideas/people/theories that influenced your work.
- Conclude your video with a brief description on how you think your work/talent could be applied/highlighted.

Submission Details - Due to large file size, music applicants are asked to submit their required components on YouTube.

YouTube video upload instructions:

- Go to www.YouTube.com
- Either create an account (it’s free) or sign in
- Click “Upload” in the top menu bar and follow the directions [here](#), to make the video **UNLISTED**. (The Unlisted setting insures that your video will only be viewed by the Davidson Fellows Program and its judges, or anyone else you send the URL to.)
- Copy and paste the link to this video as Attachment Three.

IMPORTANT: Covid-19 addendum

For COMPOSERS: If you have had a live performance or premiere of your composition(s) cancelled, please detail the organization you were going to have a performance with, and when and where the performance(s) was scheduled. *You are welcome and encouraged to submit the composition(s) and recording(s) that were to be played live (midi realization is fine).*



For INSTRUMENTALISTS: Component Two - Please submit your most recent live performance **BUT ONLY** if it demonstrates your current skill level/musicianship. If you had a live performance(s) cancelled, please detail the organization you were going to perform with, and when and where the performance(s) was scheduled. ***You are welcome and encouraged to play and submit the piece(s) you were going to play live (a home performance is fine).***

Questions? Please contact Tacie Moessner, Davidson Fellows Program Director, tmoessner@davidsongifted.org, 775-852-3483, ext. 423. We'll figure it out together!