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 activities that extend beyond the concert hall. To recognize the commitment of these extraordinary musicians and the impact of their work, the League of American Orchestras seeks nominations and applications for the 2020 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: Friday, March 27, 2020 (midnight)

ABOUT THE AWARD
☐ Five musicians will be selected through a competitive application process.
☐ Each winner will receive a cash award of $2,500, complimentary registration to the League’s National Conference, roundtrip airfare to Minneapolis, and hotel accommodations.
☐ The winning musician’s orchestra will receive a grant of $2,500 to support professional development for its roster of musicians.
☐ One staff member from the orchestra will receive complimentary registration to the League’s National Conference, roundtrip airfare to Minneapolis, and hotel accommodations.

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 auspices of your orchestra.
☐ 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.
☐ You and a representative from your orchestra must be available to attend the League’s National Conference, June 10-12, 2020.
☐ At the National Conference, you agree to attend the Annual Meeting & Luncheon to accept your award and participate as a speaker in a community engagement and education session featuring the Ford Musician Awards winners.
Awardees and their orchestras will produce a 3- to 5-minute video showcasing their work which will 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.

We welcome and encourage applications from candidates who have been historically underrepresented in the orchestra field.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2020 (midnight)
- Complete the application form on Accepted. You’ll be asked to create an account if you don’t already have one.
- Personal statement (no more than two pages)
- Resume (no more than two pages)
- Headshot (hi-res)
- (Optional) Images or video that visually tell the story of the work you do.
- One letter of support from an executive or staff member from the community organization with which you work, who can directly attest to what you do and the impact it has.
- (Optional) One letter of support from your orchestra’s VP / director of education and community engagement or your executive director / CEO.

PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES
- Only PDF files will be accepted, no more than two pages, using a standard size font.
- Part I: Please give us an overview of the work you do.
  - What services do you perform, where, and whom in the community do you serve?
- Part II: Tell us your story. Inspire us.
  - Why do you do this work?
  - How is this work making a difference in your community?
  - How does this work affect the individuals and community you engage?

GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT
- Only PDF files will be accepted, no more than two pages, using a standard size font.
- Please describe the impact their work is making in your community / organization.
- What makes their work stand above others who perform similar community services?
- Why should they be selected as a Ford Musician Awards winner?

QUESTIONS?
Contact James Barry, senior manager, artistic and learning programs: jbarry@americanorchestras.org

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