

eugene o'neill theater center•national puppetry conference

2026 Music Composition for Puppetry: Application Guide

Application Materials

Applications will be hosted online on [Submittable](#) from January 21 to February 4 at 11:59pm PT, 2026. Review eligibility requirements on our website [here](#).

1. Basic Online Application Form

- **Your Contact and Demographic Info:** Name, email address, phone number, optional demographic information, dietary requirements, housing needs will be requested.
- **Two References:** Full names and contact info for two references who can speak to your work and character. Include their job title, organization, and a brief description of your relationship.
- **Pre and Main Conference Strand Selection:** Select your first- and second-choice strands. Please note that some strands have additional application requirements.
- **Scholarship Information:** Main Conference participants are eligible to apply for scholarships to help offset the cost of tuition. We are unable to offer scholarships to Pre-Conference participants.

2. Headshot (JPG) and Resume (PDF)

- **Headshot:** Upload a recent photo saved as a JPEG file.
- **Resume:** A single-page PDF file that includes your **name, current occupation, work history,** and **education.**

3. Music Composition for Puppetry – Additional Materials (PDF) Please provide the following on a single document saved as a PDF file titled, "FirstName LastName – Music Composition Materials."

- **ARTISTIC STATEMENT:** Please provide a statement of interest in writing music for puppetry and/or theater. Note that no previous experience is required, but if you have experience in collaborative projects, please detail it here.
- **LIST OF INSTRUMENTS:** List of instruments and/or music equipment you feel comfortable playing or experimenting with and have access to in your home studio.
- **LINK TO WEBSITE:** Please provide a link to your website if available. Note that this is not a requirement.
- **LINK TO MUSIC SAMPLES:** Please include a sharable link to a Dropbox, GoogleDrive folder, or website that includes up to five music samples that you have composed. Please link to audio or video online, with a short description of each. Decent-quality MIDI audio is not only acceptable but encouraged!

4. \$15 Admin Fee This fee covers the costs associated with the administration of the PUP application and review process. If this fee poses a barrier, please [use this link](#) to request a fee waiver.

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