



Application Deadline: Tuesday, January 22, 2019

**KENNEDY CENTER/NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
NATIONAL TRUSTEES
SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE
(July 1-29, 2019)**

The following information will introduce you to the Kennedy Center/National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) Summer Music Institute (SMI). Through an initiative of the NSO National Trustees, young musicians ages 15-20 are eligible to apply for a National Trustees fellowship. Musicians from most states will be selected to participate on scholarship in the 2019 Summer Music Institute. Several international students may be selected as well.

Program Description: The Kennedy Center/National Symphony Orchestra Summer Music Institute is a 4-week summer music program at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC, for student instrumentalists. The program is designed to expose and prepare students for a 21st Century orchestral career. Each student accepted into the Program attends on scholarship, which includes the following benefits: housing and local transportation during their stay in our Nation's Capital. Round-trip transportation to and from Washington, DC is not included. Additionally, a stipend for cost of food during the institute is not provided.

- Private lessons taught by a member of the National Symphony Orchestra
- Chamber music coaching by NSO musicians
- Master classes and seminars
- Side-by-side orchestra rehearsals with the NSO
- Attendance at selected rehearsals and performances of the NSO
- Participation in the NSO Summer Music Institute Orchestra
- Performance opportunities in DC metropolitan area
- Exposure to internationally-renowned conductors, soloists, and musicians

In addition, students will enroll in enrichment courses, attend question-and-answer sessions with artists, and participate in workshops on a range of topics including musician health, citizen artistry, and education programming.

Eligibility: The Program is open, by recorded **video** audition, to students ages 15-20 (as of July 29, 2019) who are seriously considering orchestral music as a career and willing to devote themselves to a musical education.

Instruments: National Trustees' fellowships may be awarded to students who play any of the following: violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba, and harp (not eligible: guitar, saxophone, percussion, and piano).

Standards of Acceptance: The program is intended for serious music students with the primary acceptance standard being musical talent. Ethnic minorities are encouraged to apply.

To Apply: Updated application information for SMI 2019 will be posted on www.kennedy-center.org/SMI. Check the site regularly for details. A \$30 non-refundable application fee is due upon application submission.

Please contact Emily Heckel, NSO Education Program Manager, NSOSMI@kennedy-center.org for further information if you are unable to complete the online application process for any reason.

Deadline for Applications: Materials must be submitted online by **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**. Students will be notified of the results by the end of March 2019.

Repertoire (submitted online): Recordings are required to be video files; no audio files will be accepted.

1) orchestral excerpts by instrument

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2) a prepared solo piece not to exceed 20 minutes in length, showing contrasting musical elements (fast/slow, dynamics, etc.)

Prepared solo piece may, but need not, include piano accompaniment. Should there be any doubt as to the appropriateness of the prepared piece, please phone NSO Education Program, at (202) 416-8820.

Obligation of Participants: Seriousness and desire to pursue a musical education are most important. Students selected for the Institute will be expected to enter into a contractual arrangement with the Kennedy Center/National Symphony Orchestra.

All private lesson fees and performance admittance charges will be paid for by the Kennedy Center/National Symphony Orchestra. Fees for any unexcused absences at lessons must be paid for by the student.

Financial Aid: A limited amount of financial aid to help defray transportation cost and cost of food during the Institute is available for those who demonstrate extreme financial need. To apply, complete the Financial Aid application found at www.kennedy-center.org

center.org/SMI and mail by **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**. Students selected to participate in SMI will be notified of any financial aid within a few days after their notification of acceptance.

Full Orchestra Program for Local Participants:

Students living in the greater Washington, DC metro area, who may not be available for the full-four week program, can opt for partial full-orchestra **only** participation in the **Summer Music Institute**. To learn more about this, please read the full description of this opportunity found on the website under Other Resources.

Keep this document for further reference.

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