

CONTEST RULES

1. **The composer must be 30 years of age or younger, on, or before January 1, 2025.**
2. The composition should be grade 3-4 in difficulty, using a grading system of 1-6, and must conform to standard band instrumentation.
3. The entry must include a full score and a high quality CD recording. Do not email Mp3 recordings. If a computer generated recording is sent, it must contain the instrument sounds that are scored in the work. Do not send parts.
4. The composition must be original and unpublished. Transcriptions will not be considered.
5. **ALL entries must be received by the committee chair by October 1, 2024.** The winner will be notified by October 20, 2024. Scores and recordings will not be returned unless a self addressed and stamped envelope is included in the mailing
6. The name of the composer must not appear on the score. A sealed envelope with the name, address, telephone number, email address, and birth date of the composer, should be affixed to the title page of the score. Electronic scores and music files cannot be emailed, only hard score copies.
7. The winner will receive a prize of \$5000.00 and expenses (American entries only) to attend the annual January meeting of the Lambda Chapter of Phi Beta Mu at the Conference/Clinic of the Missouri Music Educators Association. Every effort will be made to have the composition performed at the convention but this cannot be guaranteed.
8. Phi Beta Mu reserves the right to reject any or all entries.
9. The winning composer agrees by entering the contest, that one set of parts may be furnished to the co-sponsors of the contest for a performance by their band at no charge.
10. A Committee of Lambda Chapter members shall select the winner.
11. Composers should send manuscripts and recordings to:
Mr. Joe Pappas, Committee Chair
Claude T. Smith Memorial Band Composition Contest
Lambda Chapter of Phi Beta Mu
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