



# Chester County Concert Band 2027 Composition Competition

## **Objective:**

To encourage composition for large wind ensemble concert bands by talented young composers who are currently pursuing a music degree in the Delaware Valley/Tri-State area. The competition is open to enrolled music students who are currently working on a Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree in music at a college or university in the Pennsylvania/New Jersey/Delaware Tri-State area.

## **Composition:**

The piece must be an original composition authored by the student applicant, and must be at least 3 minutes long, and no more than 5 minutes.

Performance is intended for the Chester County Concert Band (CCCB). Current membership includes:

16 Fl/Pic, 2 Ob, 2 Bsn, 2 Eb Cl, 16 Cl, 3 Bass Cl, 1 Bb Contrabass Cl, 4 AS, 2 TS, 1 BS  
14 Tpt, 8 Hn, 9 Tbn, 4 Euph, 3 Tba, 1 Elec. Bass, 4 Perc. (All standard percussion is available)  
Piano is not available.

CCCB members are volunteers, and perform Grade Level III/IV literature. (I = beginner to VI = professional)

Intended instrumentation parts should be for:

**Pic (opt), 2 Fl, 1 Ob, Bsn, Eb Cl, 3 Cl, B. Cl, CB. Cl, 2 A Sax, T Sax, Bar Sax**

**3 Tpt, 2-4 Hn, 3 Tbn, Euph, Tba, String Bass/Elec Bass (opt), 3-5 Perc**

Uncommon instruments currently played by the band's membership include Eb clarinet, contrabass clarinet, and electric bass (opt). These instruments may be included, but any important passages should be cued in other parts.

Solo passages should be avoided.

The selected winner will need to provide a full set of instrument parts with assistance from our music director. Parts must be legible, suitable for efficient rehearsal and performance, have good page turns, and ample rehearsal numbers and cues.

## **Competition Schedule:**

Applications are to be submitted by December 31, 2026 by email to:

Composition Coordinator: Roger Lacy, [treasurer@cccband.org](mailto:treasurer@cccband.org)

The winner will be selected by January 20, 2027.

The winning composer must provide a full set of instrument parts (one of each part) by February 25, 2026, with assistance from our music director.

The winner will provide a bio, photo, and program notes (short descriptive paragraph of 200 words or less) about the composition's motivation, musical interpretations, or other thoughts.

The winner's composition will be performed at the CCCB Spring Concert, the first Sunday afternoon in May 2027 (tentative date), at the Fugett Middle School auditorium, West Chester, PA.

**Application Checklist:**

1. Signed application form below.
2. One legible copy of a conductor’s score in .pdf format, without the composer’s name.
3. One electronic audio file of the composition, as generated by a composing software program.
4. This is a blind competition. Do not put your name on the conductor’s score or audio file.

**Competition Rules:**

1. The CCCB will form a jury panel from within the band membership to review, judge, and select a winner from the eligible submissions, based on musical interest (melody, rhythm, dynamics, transitions) and suitability to the CCCB skill and typical audience (family and seniors).
2. By entering the competition, the applicant acknowledges that the composition is original and not previously published. The CCCB jury, music director, and board of directors will not be responsible for any copyright infringement.
3. The decisions of the CCCB jury are final. The jury reserves the right to not select a winner.
4. The winning composer will receive a \$1,000 prize and will have their piece performed and recorded live by the CCCB at our Spring Concert.
5. The winner must attend at least one CCCB regular Spring 2027 rehearsal held on Wednesday evenings in West Chester. The winner may elect to attend additional rehearsals.
6. The composer retains all copyright and publishing rights. The CCCB is granted the right to perform and record the composition in perpetuity.
7. Applicants hold harmless the CCCB jury, music director, board of directors, and members from any damages, claims, liabilities, and costs or losses of any kind or nature whatsoever, which may arise from the rehearsal, performance, or recording of composition entries.
8. Only one piece may be submitted per composer. Previous winners of this competition are not eligible.
9. Applicants accept the above rules unconditionally and without reservation.

**Chester County Concert Band 2027 Composition Competition Application**

Complete and email application materials to [treasurer@cccband.org](mailto:treasurer@cccband.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

University and Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Composition Title, Duration: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and accept the Chester County Concert Band Composition Competition rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

University Professor Concurrence: \_\_\_\_\_

