Stanford believes that CREATIVITY IS AT THE HEART OF A 21ST-CENTURY EDUCATION—and we invest significant energy and resources in our unparalleled artistic community.

Stanford welcomes the participation of all students in the arts. The Arts Portfolio is optional, and if you submit one, you are not required to major in the arts. If you do not submit one, you may still study or participate in the arts, and we encourage you to do so. Please submit a portfolio in the area that best represents your strength in the arts and the art form you are most likely to pursue in college. Arts Portfolios will be reviewed at the discretion of the admission office and the fine arts faculty.

DEADLINES FOR ARTS APPLICANTS

Restrictive Early Action
Application............................ Oct 15
Arts Portfolio.......................... Oct 20

Regular Decision
Application............................ Dec 1
Arts Portfolio.......................... Dec 6

Transfer
Application............................ Mar 15
Arts Portfolio.......................... Mar 20

STANDARD DEADLINES

Restrictive Early Action .......... Nov 1
Regular Decision ............... Jan 2
Transfer................................. Mar 15

CHECKLIST FOR ARTS APPLICANTS

Submit online by the advanced application deadline:
✓ Coalition or Common Application
✓ $90 nonrefundable application fee or fee waiver request

Submit online by the arts portfolio deadline:
✓ Stanford Arts Portfolio Form (including Arts Résumé)
✓ Arts Materials

Submit online by the standard deadline:
✓ Self-reported Testing (not required for 2020-2021)
✓ Official Transcript(s)
✓ Two Teacher Evaluations
✓ School Report and Counselor Recommendation (freshman applicants only)
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OVERVIEW

Stanford PORTFOLIO: MUSIC

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Music: Required Portfolio Elements

Students may submit one Music portfolio in the following categories: Instrumentalists, Conductors, Vocalists or Composers.

INSTRUMENTALISTS & CONDUCTORS
• Submit two or three pieces that demonstrate your ability in a variety of styles, periods or tempi.
• Conducting submissions require a performance video.
• Instrumentalists must limit submissions to one instrument.

VOCALISTS
• Submit two or three pieces. If the repertoire is from the Western classical tradition, submissions should be in more than one language.
• Students should perform unaccompanied or with recording accompaniment playing in the background. No overlays will be accepted.
• Submissions must be limited to one voice area (Western classical and musical theater may go together).
• Email the Music Department at ugmusicinquiries@lists.stanford.edu to inquire if we are able to evaluate a different tradition.

COMPOSERS
• Submit two or three scores of recent work and, if possible, audio of each score.
• Composers may submit audio-only realization files.

NOTES: Recorded Auditions must be done on video, unedited, recorded in a natural acoustic and 10 minutes or less in total duration. Students may be accompanied but should be the main audio and visual focus of the video. For instrumentalists and vocalists, ensembles (instrumental or choral) and audio-only recordings will not be evaluated.

For questions, contact the Music Department: ugmusicinquiries@lists.stanford.edu