



**National Association of Composers / USA  
(NACUSA)  
39<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Composers' Competition**

**Deadline: December 15, 2017**    <http://www.music-usa.org/nacusa/>

*All entrants must be NACUSA members. Music by non-members will not be considered.  
Previous First Prize winners will not be eligible.*

***All previous winners are listed on the NACUSA website address above.***

1. The competition is open to all NACUSA members who are American citizens or residents, who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday but have not yet reached their 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday by the submission deadline.
2. Compositions submitted should not exceed 10 – 12 minutes in length.
3. This year composers can submit works in the following categories: A. String quartet, B. Solo instrument (piano, violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, alto saxophone) C. 1-3 instruments with optional electronics/playback. If percussion is used, it should involve only one performer. No harp or celesta is permitted. Different categories will fluctuate over the course of future NACUSA competitions.
4. Compositions submitted must not be published and must not have won any other competitions. Each composer may submit up to two works.
5. Recordings (mp3 format) of the entire composition are highly recommended, but not mandatory.
6. Compositions will be judged, in part, on legibility and clearness of music score.
7. All scores **must** be submitted anonymously under clear pseudonym in PDF format, using NACUSA website (see the guideline under Composition Contest). All mp3 files **must** also be submitted anonymously, using the same pseudonym. Scores that do not adhere to the Contest rules will be **disqualified**.
8. The winners will be announced by February 1, 2018.
9. All prizes come with a possible performance on a NACUSA National concert and during the Contemporary Music Festival *Musica Moderna* in Lodz, Poland.  
First Prize is \$500, Second Prize is \$400, Third Prize is \$300.
10. Questions regarding the Contest can be sent to Dr. Wieslaw Rentowski, NACUSA 2017 Young Composers' Competition Coordinator (NACUSA Vice President) at [rentows@aol.com](mailto:rentows@aol.com)