

2026 Student Composition Contest

Luna Nova Music (www.lunanova.org)

The Luna Nova 2026 Student Composition Contest is offered in conjunction with the Belvedere Chamber Music Festival (www.belvederefestival.org) to be held June 17-20, 2026 at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church (www.gracestlukes.org) in Memphis, Tennessee.

ELIGIBILITY The contest is open to music composition students of any nationality who are 18 years or older. Recent graduates are also eligible provided that they graduated on or after May 1, 2024. Entrants must give the name and contact information of their current or most recent theory/composition professor. Former Belvedere Festival composition contest winners are not eligible for entry.

HOW TO ENTER 1. Fill out entry form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYTB9CQ>

2. After completing the form use email to submit one pdf and one mp3 of the entry work. The work may be for violin, flute, clarinet, cello, and piano. Entries may be solos or works for any combination of these instruments. Works should not exceed 10 minutes in length.

DEADLINES: Online SurveyMonkey Entry Form: April 15, 2026, 11:00 p.m. CST
Score PDF and MP3 emailed to lunanovamusic@gmail.com by April 15, 2026, 11:00 p.m. CST

Winners will be notified and announced at www.belvederefestival.org by May 15, 2026.

JUDGING: A panel assembled by the Luna Nova Music board will judge scores. The panel will take logistical issues into consideration. Their decision will be final.

PRIZES: First Prize - \$300 Second Prize - \$200 Third Prize - \$100

Winning pieces will be performed at the Belvedere Chamber Music Festival (www.belvederefestival.org) June 17-20, 2026 by members of the Luna Nova Ensemble. Winning composers will be given performance recordings of their works.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Past recordings of the Luna Nova Ensemble are available at www.lunanova.org/audio.html and www.lunanova.org/video.html. Information about prior winners is online at www.belvederefestival.org/contest.html

Questions may be sent to Patricia Gray, Luna Nova Music President, at patriciagraymusic@gmail.com or 901-493-0958.