

How to Apply

Eligibility

Qualified young conductors who have recently finished their academic studies or who are working toward graduate diplomas in conducting at top-ranking American music schools, up to the age of 30, may apply.

Proficiency in English is required; working knowledge of German is desirable. Non-US citizens are welcome to apply if they are a student or a recent graduate of an American music program. Please note that if a non-US citizen is selected, they will be responsible for acquiring a visa if necessary, and the AAF is not responsible for fees associated with acquiring the visa, etc.

Application Requirements & Deadlines

Please submit your complete application no later than **FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**. Applications submitted via email must be sent to aafconductors@americanaustrianfoundation.org by **5:00pm EST on FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**.

Please submit the following to the AAF:

- Completed application form, including recent photo (digitally inserted above)
- Current résumé/CV, detailing your educational background and conducting experience
- A one-page essay describing your objectives during the fellowship
- Two letters of recommendation (the author of the letter of recommendation may email the letter directly to aafconductors@americanaustrianfoundation.org)
- Links to conducting excerpts, along with a detailed listing. Physical media can also be mailed to the AAF at the address below, postmarked no later than April 17th, 2026

Incomplete applications will not be submitted to the jury. The AAF is not responsible for lost applications.

Mailing address:

The American Austrian Foundation, Inc.
ATTN: The AAF Young Conductors Fellowship
575 Lexington Avenue
c/o WCM, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10022

Details

The American Austrian Foundation has administered this program since 1998.

The fellowship includes a \$1,500 travel reimbursement, accommodation at Schloss Arenberg, and a small stipend. Program dates are mid-July to August 2026.

For more details about the Salzburg Festival, please visit their [website](#).

Within one month of completing the fellowship, each fellow is required to send a final report to the AAF at aafconductors@americanaustrianfoundation.org.