



Call for application for the  
**2025 IL-ACDA Composer Award**

In collaboration with William Ferris Chorale and MusicSpoke

Submissions open: March 1, 2025

Submissions due: August 1, 2025

**Eligibility:** composers within ACDA's Midwestern Region (including Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin) with a creative voice and clear compositional ability. 18 years or older.

\*One submission per applicant.

**Submission Requirements:**

- PDF of at least two scores that best represent the composer's work, one of which must be for voice or choir (each as individual documents), with name and any identifying information removed
- Any additional documentation (text/translation, etc)
- Optional: Audio recording of any/all submitted work - live, studio, or midi (remove any introduction or portion of the performance that may indicate the composer's name)

***Winner announced: October 1, 2025***

***Finished score due: January 1, 2026***

***Premiere: TBF Winter 2026***

The winner will receive a \$1,000 prize and be commissioned to write a new work to be premiered by the William Ferris Chorale in Chicago.

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To submit your application, please fill out this online form:

<https://tinyurl.com/composeraward25>

A reminder that all submitted materials (PDFs, MP3s, WAVs, etc) must be free of markings or speaking that identify the composer.

Please send questions to [cwindle@williamferrischorale.org](mailto:cwindle@williamferrischorale.org).