

# Chamber Music America

## ENSEMBLE FORWARD PROGRAM 2022 FAQs

### **Who can apply to the *Ensemble Forward* Program?**

Ensembles of 2-10 musicians that perform Western European classical and contemporary chamber music based in the five boroughs of New York City and in the early stages of a career are eligible.

### **What does the program fund?**

*Ensemble Forward* funds five sessions with a chamber music coach. The program provides the coach \$500 per session with the ensemble, and each ensemble musician receives \$200 per coaching.

### **What are the other components of the program?**

CMA will provide grantees with complimentary attendance at CMA's 2022 national conference, skill-building and/or career consulting sessions/workshops led by industry experts, networking opportunities and a complimentary one-year membership to CMA.

### **If we are not able to meet with our coach in person because of the pandemic, may we meet remotely?**

Should it not be possible to meet with your coach in person for health and safety reasons, virtual sessions are possible with the entire ensemble participating as a group.

### **When must *Ensemble Forward* coachings take place?**

Grant activities must take place between January 1 to December 31, 2022.

### **We do not have a chamber music coach. How can we find one?**

CMA staff can provide names and contact information for potential coaches.

### **Are grant funds taxable?**

Yes, the ensemble leader is responsible for filing the appropriate tax forms, collecting receipts and invoices, and completing and submitting the final report on grant expenses.

### **Do the musicians on the submitted ensemble audio samples have to be exactly the same as those in the application?**

Either the full ensemble or a majority (more than half) of the musicians must be heard in the audio samples.

### **What file formats are accepted for the audio uploads?**

Acceptable audio formats are mp3 and m4a.

### **How do I apply for this program?**

First review the [application guidelines](#), then attend an [application workshop](#). You can also contact the Director of Grant Programs

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