

Composer Commissioning Fees*

Sample Projects:

- SATB Chorus, length 5':
\$2,500 - \$7,500 (about \$500 - \$1,500 per minute of music)
- Instrumental Trio or Quartet, length 5':
\$2,500 - \$7,500 (about \$500 - \$1,500 per minute of music)
- String Orchestra, length 5':
\$3,000 - \$9,000 (about \$600 - \$1,800 per minute of music)
- Percussion Orchestra (Large Percussion Ensemble), length 5':
\$3,000 - \$9,000 (about \$600 - \$1,800 per minute of music)
- Concert Band or Orchestra, length 5':
\$4,000 - \$10,000 (about \$800 - \$2,000 per minute of music)

Parts Creation:

- Creating parts is work-intensive, and a separate job from the composition of music.
- Typical fee for parts creation:
 - Small ensemble: \$75 - \$175 per minute of music
 - Large ensemble: \$250 - \$750 per minute of music

Sites for understanding or calculating commissioning fees:

- <https://newmusicusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Commissioning-Music-A-Basic-Guide.pdf>
- <https://newmusicusa.org/nmbx/commissioning-fees-calculator/>
- <https://newmusicusa.org/nmbx/composer-commission-pay-in-the-united-states/>

* The figures on this page are estimates; some composers may calculate their fees differently.