1. An orchestral work is required for graduation for both Undergraduate and Master's Degree Composition Students.

2. BXA, BHS, and Music Minors are not eligible.

3. AMS composers who previously completed undergraduate or graduate composition degrees at CMU and already had an orchestral work performed by the CMU Philharmonic are not eligible to write a second orchestra work. If, in the case of a student who enters first as an AMS student and has a work performed, this work will count as the MM requirement.

4. A student can only win one prize in each division (UG, G). If a student wins the UG division, and stays as a MM student, he/she could be eligible to win in the G division.

4. The work must be performed by the Carnegie Mellon Philharmonic.

5. The composer must abide by all deadlines and feedback given by the conductors.

6. The work must abide by all guidelines of any particular year. (length of piece, orchestration, etc.) These guidelines vary from year to year.