

# Songwriting Audition Requirements

We are so excited to meet you and to hear about your music ministry/career dreams! Your Visible Music College Songwriting audition has 2 parts.

**First**, you will complete the application video:

- 1) Discuss your songwriting experience and aspirations
- 2) Perform 3 original songs

**Then**, you will complete the application interview. You will meet with a faculty member in person or via video (depending on location) to discuss your faith journey, musical experience, your expectations, and more.

## Application video

### Part 1:

Please submit a video (5 minutes minimum) in which you articulate answers to the following questions:

1. Why do you want to pursue a career in songwriting?
2. What experience (if any) have you had in any of the areas listed below?
  - a. Writing songs
  - b. Performing original songs in public
  - c. Registering song copyrights/publishing
  - d. Distributing (releasing) songs
  - e. Co-writing/pitching songs to other artists
3. How do your career goals and your faith intersect?

### Part 2:

1. Please prepare a video in which you perform 3 original songs. The video does not need to be professional—a phone recording will suffice (as long as the lyrics and melody are audible).
2. Email chord charts or lead sheets that contain the title, lyrics, and chords for your original songs.

Please send both the video files and lyrics/chord charts to

**[songwriting@visible.edu](mailto:songwriting@visible.edu)**.

## Application interview

1. Be prepared to answer questions about your spiritual and musical background.
2. Expect to answer some basic music theory questions so we can assess your level of music theory understanding. (You will take an official theory placement test within the first few weeks at school)
3. Plan to meet for 30-60 minutes.
4. After you schedule your application interview you will receive an email with more details and instructions.

### FAQ:

**May I submit a video of a live performance from a gig, church service, etc?** Yes! Your video audition may be supplemented with other video footage that you feel represents your skills/experience.

**Am I required to perform original songs?** Yes.

**Am I required to submit original songs that are Christian/CCM?** No. Your original songs may be either sacred or secular. We value both.

**Can I audition for more than 1 emphasis instrument (piano, guitar, etc) and choose one later?** Yes.

**What is a chord chart?** A chord chart is a document that contains the lyrics to your original song with the corresponding chord changes. We prefer to receive a chord chart or lead sheet from you but please send lyrics at the very least.

**Do I need to discuss all of the songwriting experience topics listed in application video part 1, question 2?** Yes. If you don't have any experience in one of the areas listed then simply say so. You will not be disqualified if you have no experience in a particular area. We simply need to gauge your current status as a songwriter to determine how to help you grow in your craft.

**Can I ask any questions during the audition?** Yes! The audition is a great time to talk to one of our songwriting faculty members about the program, curriculum, opportunities, etc.