



The
Shirley Rabb Winston
Scholarship
in Voice

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Applications due at Chapter February 1, 2012

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In honor of Shirley Rabb Winston, an annual scholarship has been established and made available through The National Society of Arts and Letters to young vocal artists between the ages of 16 and 22. Applicants must demonstrate exceptional talent and promise of future success.

The scholarship funds are only for private study, for special training or for personal advancement in the applicant's future career. The funds are not for college tuition, housing or travel.

The maximum amount awarded to an applicant is \$5000.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant must provide a DVD of his/her vocal proficiency. **The DVD must be of studio quality.**
2. All selections are to be performed from memory.
3. Applicant must present three vocal selections that are contrasting in style, preferably from art songs, operas, or oratorios. One must be in English. Duration 10 minutes.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The applicant:
 - a) must be a citizen of the U.S.
 - b) must be between 16 and 22 years of age, by February 1, 2012. Proof of age and U.S. citizenship (birth certificate, passport or naturalization papers) must be submitted with the application.
 - c) must submit a vocal performance on DVD to a Chapter of The National Society of Arts and Letters (NSAL). See back cover for addresses.
 - d) must demonstrate a serious commitment to their art by providing a written statement of their career plans for the future.
 - e) must specify the mode of further study: private study, special training, or for personal advancement in the applicant's future career. The funds are not for college tuition, housing or travel.
2. The DVD performances selected by the Chapter judges will be sent to the Winston Scholarship Committee Chair.
3. The awarded scholarship funds will be sent directly to the institution, teacher, or tutor chosen by the scholarship winner/s with the approval of the Winston Scholarship Committee. The winner of a scholarship has fifteen months to use the funds.
4. Former applicants may apply again for a scholarship. Applicants may also compete in the NSAL Career Awards Competition.

ADJUDICATION

1. Qualified judges from each NSAL Chapter will select the DVDs of the best three vocalists and send them to the Winston Scholarship Committee at the expense of the Chapter.
2. The adjudication of the applicants by the Winston Scholarship Committee will be made in two groups: vocalists of 16 to 18 years of age and vocalists of 19 to 22 years of age.
3. Applicants will be judged on their present state of ability in each of the following five areas: musicality, vocal quality, interpretation, diction and presentation.
4. The final awards will be made by the Winston Scholarship Committee and its decisions will be final.

PROTECTION

Care and caution will be exercised in the handling of all DVDs. NSAL, NSAL Chapters and the Scholarship Committee shall not be liable for claims for loss, theft or damage of any kind. If insurance is desired, it must be arranged by the applicant. Following the awards, the DVDs will be returned to the applicants.

CHAPTER RESPONSIBILITY

Qualified judges from each Chapter shall select the three best performances based on the DVDs received. The DVDs will be sent to the Winston Scholarship Committee Chair at the expense of the Chapter.

APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITY

The DVDs must be of studio quality, that is, they must be without echo and must not be a recording of a recital or a performance and must be able to be played on a computer.

APPLICANT AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE DEADLINES

1. Vocal DVDs due at a NSAL Chapter on February 1, 2012.
(For Chapter addresses, see back cover.)
2. Vocal DVDs due at the Winston Scholarship Committee on March 1, 2012.
3. The Shirley Rabb Winston Scholarship awards will be made by May 1, 2012.

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