



2010

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Information Sheet

The Stafford Regional Choral Society announces the 2010 scholarship competition. Our program consists of two categories, vocal and instrumental, each awarding a scholarship of \$500. The scholarship is offered to musically talented high school seniors who reside in counties or cities from which the Society draws its membership and who will pursue the study of music at the college level. It is **not** required that the recipient plan to declare a music major. Any field of musical endeavor is acceptable: voice or instrumental performance, music therapy, private study, or conducting, for example. However, performance **is** a requirement for the scholarship audition.

This notice provides information on the selection process for the Scholarship Awards to be presented at a SRCS 2010 concert (date to be announced later). The award winners will be invited to perform at this concert.

SELECTION OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS is accomplished by the following process:

1. Applications are to be received by the Society, **postmarked no later than January 8, 2010**. The SRCS Scholarship Committee will review the applications and will notify each candidate by mail of his/her audition time. Application must include a 3x4 to 5x7 portrait photo for publicity purposes.
2. Candidates must arrange for a letter of recommendation from a music teacher or director to be sent to SRCS, either with the application or separately, **postmarked no later than January 8, 2010**. *Submission of this letter is the responsibility of each candidate.*
3. **Auditions will be held on January 16, 2010 beginning no later than 10 am.**
4. The candidates will audition for a panel of judges with both vocal and instrumental expertise. Please limit your selection to ten (10) minutes. Music should be memorized (please note that memorization is a judging criteria). Accompaniment is not required, but is strongly recommended for pieces with written accompaniment. **Candidates must provide their own accompanist, if required, as well as an original and two photocopies of their music.** Photocopies will be destroyed following the audition. Candidates may **not** audition without providing copies of their music for the judges as detailed above.
5. A point-value system will be applied to areas of musicality, selection of material, showmanship, appearance, memorization, interpretation, and plans for future music study. The candidate in each category receiving the highest combined points above the established minimum will be notified of selection as an award recipient. If no candidate receives a score at or above the established minimum, that scholarship will not be awarded.
6. **The winners are expected to perform at a SRCS 2010 concert (date TBD).**

You may obtain additional application forms from your school counselor; music teacher; choir, band, or orchestra director. To request forms from SRCS, call Mary Ann Buscher, Scholarship Chairperson at 540-657-0980 or email inmotion@comcast.net.

Your application package must include the following:

1. **Application form with publicity appropriate photograph**
2. **Recommendation letter from your music teacher or director**

Thank you and good luck!

www.staffordchoral.org

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