



Walter A. Peek Memorial Scholarship Program Details

Background/Purpose

The Westchester Chordsmen, located in Westchester County, NY, is a chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The chapter has established the **Walter A. Peek Memorial Scholarship**. The scholarship is named to honor a member of the chapter who believed that singing can and should be a life long activity, and that singing in harmony can be fun and an enriching way to continue learning and participating in music as long as one lives. The details of the scholarship program are as follows:

As a music educational non-profit organization, and given our mission statement, the purpose of this scholarship is to support students entering college who desire to study vocal music as a Major or Minor, to participate in vocal musical performance groups or as a soloist.

Scholarship Details - In summary the scholarship is set up as follows:

- A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded, payable in a lump sum in June to a graduating high school senior who is admitted to college and expresses a desire to study vocal performance..
- Men and women who attend high schools (public and private) in the greater Westchester County, New York with demonstrated vocal skills, singly or in groups are eligible.
- Applications (*see attached*), which summarize the applicant's musical education, skills and experience and describe the applicant's higher education plans (including the status of the college or musical school application process), are submitted to the Westchester Chordsmen Board of Directors by a date determined each year in which the scholarship is to be awarded.
- Applicants must submit a video DVD or audio CD that demonstrates their vocal skills. The performance may be an accompanied or unaccompanied, solo or group performance.
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from individuals other than an immediate relative. The individuals who write these letters of recommendation for the applicant must be adults with musical credentials (experience and/or training credentials noted in letter), letters must be signed and dated. Recommendations may be submitted from the applicant's vocal coach, choral director, musical theatre director, etc.
- A committee of three to seven individuals with musical and/or theatrical training and qualifications who have been appointed by the Westchester Chordsmen Board of Directors will review/evaluate the application materials submitted. The review committee may consist of local area musical educators and active Westchester Chordsmen members, the latter constituting a majority of the committee and include the Youth-in-Harmony VP, as well as the Musical Director.
- The winner will be announced ASAP close to the time the student graduates from High School.



Walter A. Peek Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Requirements (see detail page for requirements of submittals):

1. The completed application form must be delivered to Westchester Chordsmen Youth-in-Harmony Vice-President by April 1st at the address shown below.
2. Applications must include two letters of recommendation from unrelated adults with musical credentials.
3. A DVD of the applicant singing solo or with a small group, accompanied or unaccompanied must be submitted with the application. Releases of all individuals performing on the DVD (including accompanists) must be included with the application package. DVDs will be returned to the applicant upon request but not until the adjudication process is completed and the winner has been notified.
4. A copy of the acceptance letter from the school you will attend must be submitted with the application..

Applicant Information

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth ___ / ___ / ___

Address (Street & Number, Apt #) _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Home Telephone # _____ Cell Phone # (if applicable) _____

Email Address _____

Name of high school from which the applicant will graduate: _____

Address of high school _____

College/University* you will attend: _____

** Include a copy of your acceptance letter from this school*

Recommendation Information (attach two letters of recommendation)

Recommended by: _____

Contact info: phone # _____ email _____

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