

The Walter J. and Edith E. Best Foundation Scholarship Application

(Please type or print all information.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code (_____) Phone _____ Birth date _____

E-Mail _____@_____

High School _____ City _____

What college do you plan to attend? _____

Have you received official notification of acceptance? _____

If no, please explain _____

Intended field of study _____

Do you take private voice lessons? _____

Your teacher's name _____ Phone _____

Essay Requirement

On a separate sheet(s), please respond to the following:

1. Tell us about your vocal music activities including any clubs, ensembles or theatrical productions (whether at school or in your community) in which you have been involved. Please indicate the type of contribution you made (as in "lead", "vocal section", "ensemble member").
2. Tell us about your non-musical school and community activities. Please indicate any leadership positions you have held, awards or recognitions received and the dates of participation.
3. What can you tell us about your most recent choral performance?
4. What vocal skills and techniques would you like to enhance with further training, for example, breathing, diction, and tone production?
5. What does it mean to you to be a member of a vocal ensemble? Describe how you feel you have personally contributed to your experience in ensemble singing.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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Background:

Established by: St Charles Singers in 2005

Length of Scholarship: 1 year, non-renewable

Purpose: To encourage any student who is planning to participate in choir throughout his or her college experience and who has a strong desire to further his or her choral experience.

Applicants need not be majoring in music to qualify.

Applicants eligible to apply:

Seniors currently attending: St. Charles North High School.

Student has applied to any accredited public or private college, university or conservatory

Specialized Study: Not required

Special Characteristics:

1. Has been a member of a high school vocal music program for at least 3 years
2. Exhibits qualities of leadership, knowledge, hard work and responsibility in pursuing/developing musicianship

Financial Need: N/A

Minimum GPA: 2.0

Written Essay: Yes (see application)

References: 3 (may be a vocal teacher, other educator, counselor, pastor, supervisor, etc.)

Finalist Interview: at the discretion of the board depending on applications received

Award:

Amount of Award: \$1000

Award Recognition: All scholarships will be awarded at a St. Charles Singers concert Saturday, June 7, 2008, 7:30pm, Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Charles OR Sunday, June 8, 2008, 4:00pm, St Michael Church, Wheaton. Recipients and their families will be guests at the concert. ***The winner is expected to attend the concert to receive their award.***

Application Requirements:

Deadline: May 1, 2008

Send to: St. Charles Singers Scholarship Committee

617 Steeplechase Rd. St. Charles, IL 60174

(Call 630-513-5272 for questions or information.)

Application to include:

1. The Walter J. and Edith E. Best Foundation Scholarship Application Form
2. 3 letters of recommendation attesting to applicant's musical scholarship and dedication, work ethic and leadership ability
3. Answers to application essay questions on a separate sheet of paper

The St. Charles Singers Board of Directors determines the selection of scholarship winners.