

## 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, sight reading, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Walter J. and Edith E. Best Foundation Scholarship**

### 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, May 22, 2010, 7:30pm, St Michael Church, Wheaton OR Sunday, May 23, 2010, 7:00pm, at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago. Recipients and their families will be guests at the concert.

***The winner is expected to attend one of the concerts to receive their award.***

### Application Requirements:

Deadline: April 15, 2010

Send to: St. Charles Singers Scholarship Committee

311 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 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
4. Photo which can be used to publicize scholarship winners (photos must be submitted via email in a jpeg or bitmap format to Info@stcharlessingers.com)

The St. Charles Singers Board of Directors determines the selection of scholarship winners as submitted by the program committee.