

About the *Voices of Naples* Vocal Music Scholarship

Over the past eleven years, *Voices of Naples* has awarded nearly \$37,500.00 in scholarships.

Once again, *Voices of Naples* is offering up to \$3,000 in vocal music scholarship awards to graduating seniors from Collier and Lee Counties who plan to pursue a college major associated with vocal music. The award is intended to encourage the student to continue the study of vocal music at a college or university.

Established in 2002, *Voices of Naples* is a community chorus organized as a Florida not-for-profit corporation and designated as a 501©(3) charitable organization. The group consists of a paid musical director, board of directors, and approximately seventy-five volunteer singers of all ages. The members are selected by referral and audition. Performance venues have primarily been at local churches, and repertoire ranges from classical to jazz, with divisi from two to twelve parts.

The mission of *Voices of Naples* is the following:

to present a gift of quality choral music to the community that is uplifting to the audience and the choral ensemble,

to provide an opportunity for singers to learn choral techniques and to study various types of choral literature,

to provide scholarship opportunities for student vocalists, and

to provide opportunities for the choral ensemble to perform in concert.

Voices of Naples rehearses from mid-October through early April. Annually, in November, the group hosts a "Sing-Along" *Messiah*, using chamber orchestra and professional soloists. Also, *Voices* presents at least two spring concerts in the February/March time-frame. Scholarship winners are encouraged to perform at our spring concerts. Our 2017 scholarship winner, Alexandra Taylor, along with several other former winners, will be featured at the February 25, 2018 concert to be held at Naples United Church of Christ beginning at 3:00 pm.

For more information, please visit our website: www.voicesofnaples.org.

Student & Parent Information

To the Parents: *Voices of Naples* offers up to \$3000 in scholarship awards available to Collier and Lee Counties' graduating seniors intending to pursue a college major associated with vocal music.

The winner(s) will be selected from applicants based on submitted written materials and an audition before the selection committee. Results will be mailed to all applicants no later than the first week of May, 2018.

To the Student:

All applications MUST BY RECEIVED BY MARCH 19, 2018.

Auditions will be held on the evening of **Monday, April 2, 2018** at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive, Naples, FL 34102. If you already have a prior commitment scheduled for this date, please notify us ahead of time. You will be notified of your audition time by **March 26, 2018**. Please prepare the following for your audition:

one art song of a classical genre,

one piece of any genre of your choosing.

We recommend that you choose pieces which will illustrate your vocal ability in regards to technique, range, and expression. At least one of your selections must be in English, and both must be memorized.

You are responsible for your own accompaniment. You may either bring an accompanist with you or provide your own equipment for your pre-recorded accompaniment. Please note, also, that any teachers, friends, or parents who may come with you will be asked to wait outside the performance area.

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Scholarship Application Form

Name _____ Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

School _____ Voice Teacher _____

College/University you will attend _____

Anticipated Major _____

On a separate page(s), please give us information about yourself that will help us to decide in your favor. Why should you be selected as the recipient of this scholarship? Include information about your vocal experience, what music means to you, where you want to attend college, what degree you are pursuing, and what your goals are beyond college.

Other information that might help:

Do you play an instrument?

In what school activities do you participate?

What activities are you involved in outside of school?

What have you done already that would show you will be successful in the future, e.g. solos performed, scholastic/other awards, music groups you're in, hobbies, charitable work, etc.?

**Please attach a head shot photo to this application for publicity purposes.
(REQUIRED)**

Send completed information (including the best way to contact you) no later than MARCH 19, 2018 to:

Voices of Naples Scholarship Committee
June Ricks
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