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January 2023

Dear Choral Directors and Voice Instructors:

On behalf of Dr. Elizabeth M. Mears, Artistic Director of The Columbia Choral Society, I would like to announce the 2022-2023 Columbia Choral Society Guthrie Darr Young Artist Scholarship for students. You may also know Dr. Elizabeth M. Mears as the Vocal Department Director of the Palmetto Center for the Arts at Richland Northeast High School.

The Columbia Choral Society Guthrie Darr Young Artist Scholarship is available to students who reside in Richland or Lexington Counties and are currently enrolled in high school in grades 10-12 or in an equivalent home-schooled program. The scholarship exists to encourage and support young local artists who are interested in studying voice individually with a private instructor. Previous study with a voice instructor is not required but any scholarship awarded must be used for this purpose.

The scholarship will be awarded through a juried competition to be held on **Monday, April 17, 2023**. The winner may be offered the opportunity of performing as a guest artist at a Columbia Choral Society concert. The judges will award one scholarship of **\$500**, payable directly to the student's voice instructor.

Please join us in helping to encourage our local young artists by informing them of this exciting opportunity. If any students express interest in this scholarship, please have them complete an application package and send it to the address provided below. The **deadline** for applying is **Monday, March 15, 2023**.

For further information regarding the Columbia Choral Society, its history and mission, and the application package, please visit our website:
www.columbiachoralsociety.org.

Mailing Address:

Columbia Choral Society
Guthrie Darr Young Artist Scholarship
PO Box 5563
Columbia, SC 29250-5563

Sincerely,

Donna Thompson and Geoffrey Steele
Scholarship Committee
Columbia Choral Society



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Guthrie Darr Young Artist Scholarship Competition Guidelines 2023

The Columbia Choral Society Guthrie Darr Young Artist Scholarship exists to encourage and support local young artists who are interested in studying voice independently with a private music instructor.

Award: The scholarship will be awarded through a juried competition Monday, April 17, 2023. The winner may be offered the opportunity of performing as a guest artist at a future Columbia Choral Society Concert. The judges will award a scholarship of \$500. The scholarship will be paid directly to the student's private vocal instructor to assist the winner with the vocal instruction, to be completed by December 31, 2023.

Eligibility Requirements: The Columbia Choral Society Guthrie Darr Young Artist Scholarship is available to students who reside in Richland or Lexington Counties and are currently enrolled in high school in grades 10-12 or in an equivalent home-schooled program. Previous study with a voice instructor is not required but any scholarship awarded must be used for this purpose.

Repertoire Requirements: Students need to prepare two (2) contrasting musical selections to be performed, one (1) of which must be in a language other than English. Students may bring their own accompanist or one will be provided. The student needs to provide original copies of each selection for the accompanist.

Date, Time, Place: Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:30pm to 7:15pm, at Centennial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, 1413 Laurel St, 29201, Columbia, SC.

Warm-up times will be assigned between 5:00 and 6:15.



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Applications: Applications may be submitted by mail or email.

The application package should contain

- 1) a completed application;
- 2) one letter of recommendation;
- 3) a brief description by the applicant of their goals and aspirations;
- 4) if available, student's voice instructor's name, address, email and phone number as well as "check payable to" information; and
- 5) a \$10.00 audition fee (non-refundable). The recommendation should be from a person who is acquainted with the applicant's singing abilities such as a minister of music, choral director, private music instructor or theatrical instructor. The letter of recommendation must include contact information for the person submitting the letter (i.e. e-mail address, phone number, etc.).

Mail the \$10 check to Columbia Choral Society, PO Box 5563, Columbia, SC 29250-5563. Ask about using PayPal/Credit Card for payment.

Questions can be directed to management.choralsociety@gmail.com, or Donna Thompson at 803-338-1384, createwithdonna@gmail.com.

Choral Directors and Voice Instructors, thank you for supporting our youth as they strive to excel in the vocal arts!

Entire Application Guidelines and Application may be found at <https://www.columbiachoralsociety.org/>.



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Application for the Columbia Choral Society Guthrie Darr Young Artist Scholarship Competition

Applicant Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ e-mail Address _____

Age _____ Grade _____ School _____

I will need an accompanist: Yes _____ No _____ (Bring an original of your music for the pianist.)

Repertoire – List the title and composer of two (2) contrasting music selections below for the audition. At least one (1) must be in a language other than English. (print clearly)

Write a brief description of your goals and aspirations as a vocal artist
(applicants may submit a separate sheet with their statement).

The Winner's scholarship will be mailed directly to the student's voice instructor. If you already have a voice instructor, please provide their name, mailing address, and "check payable to" information plus their email and phone for contacting, if needed. Thank you. (print clearly)

Please see guidelines for the entire Application Package details. There is a \$10.00 application fee (non-refundable) payable by check or PayPal/Credit Card. You may mail (address below) or email the application package to management.choralsociety@gmail.com. Entire Application Guidelines and this Application may be found at <https://www.columbiachoralsociety.org/>.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**
COMPETITION DATE & TIME: Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:30-7:15
(Watch your email for Warm-Up Time between 5:00 and 6:15.)
LOCATION: Centennial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
1413 Laurel St, 29201, Columbia, SC
QUESTIONS: Donna Thompson, 803-338-1384 (call or text), createwithdonna@gmail.com or
management.choralsociety@gmail.com.

I have read and understood the eligibility requirements as set forth in the Guidelines. I presently meet such eligibility requirements. I also agree that photographs taken of me at this event may be used for promotional purposes on Columbia Choral Society social media outlets (unless otherwise stated in writing to CCS).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE _____