

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES MUSIC TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS

WHAT: The Marilyn Van Sickle Vocal Competition. Sponsored by the Southwest Florida Symphony Society and the Joseph L. and Marilyn Van Sickle Vocal Music Scholarship Fund

WHERE: Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, 8260 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

WHEN: February 22, 2025

OPEN TO: High school seniors who intend to pursue a music major in college and **full-time undergraduate college music majors.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Legal residents, or full-time students in the Florida counties of Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Glades or Hendry, with a student I.D, and U.S resident (or with passport and work/student visa of F-1 status) and SSN (W-9 eligible). Foreign students may apply but may not win a cash prize if these qualifications are not met. Previous winners are not eligible.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE AND AWARDS

Participants will compete in one of the following two categories.

- **High school seniors and college freshmen.** (Maximum age of 20)
- **College sophomores, juniors and seniors.** (Maximum age of 23)

The winner in each category will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to pursue an undergraduate degree as a music major. This award is renewable for up to an additional 3 consecutive years or until graduating with an undergraduate degree in music. College students who win as a senior may use the award for either one year of graduate or one additional year of undergraduate study in music. The scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution upon verification of enrollment status. Renewal will be based upon maintaining satisfactory progress, acceptable grades and verification of program of study.

One additional scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a third participant to pursue an undergraduate degree as a music major. This is a one-time, non-renewable award provided by the Southwest Florida Symphony Society. The scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution upon verification of enrollment status.

COMPETITION RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

- **Music must be memorized**, and performers must provide three (3) copies of their music with measures numbered for the judges.
- **Accompaniment is required;** Performers need to arrange for their own accompanist. If you need help with finding an accompanist, call the Symphony Office at 239-418-0996.
- **Performance Time-** Ten minutes total. Appropriate cuts may be made in the music to fit the allotted time frame.
- **Dress Code-** Age-appropriate professional concert attire.

REPETOIRE REQUIREMENTS

Performers must sing 2 varied selections; one from **classical repertoire**, (opera, oratorio or art song) and one from a **contrasting musical style / genre** of their choice. One selection must be in English and one in another language.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be received by **February 5th, 2025**. strictly enforced.

APPLICATION FORM: Must be typed. The form must be submitted by email to Scholarships-2025@outlook.com

Judges- The decisions of the judges are final.

The maximum number of participants is 20. The first 20 students that submit complete applications that meet all requirements will be allowed to participate.

All applicants must satisfy the above requirements to be allowed to participate. All final competition information and details will be provided to those who apply and meet all requirements. A winner may be invited to perform with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra.

If you have not received an application, please email Scholarships-2025@outlook.com