

High Plains Singers' College Scholarship for Music Performers

General Information and Guidelines

High Plains Singers is a volunteer community mixed voice choir of approximately fifty members performing in Elizabeth, Colorado, currently directed by John Dahm, and accompanied by Tia Bowen. The majority of the choir members reside in western Elbert County and they perform two concerts each year, one in December and the other in May, at the Elizabeth Middle School auditorium. Rehearsals are each Monday, from seven to nine p.m., at the Creekside Community Church in Elizabeth from September through April. High Plains Singers has been performing since 1995.

The members of High Plains Singers are pleased to be able to offer a college scholarship usually in the amount of \$500 each year to at least one applicant meeting the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be an individual who will be attending an accredited college or university in the next academic year.
2. Applicant must be majoring in vocal performance, music education, or musical theater.
3. Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher from the most recent educational institution they have attended.
4. Applicant must have been a resident of the Elizabeth, Kiowa, or Elbert school districts for the last two years. (See notes.)
5. Applicant must perform a solo for the choir, or for the members of the scholarship and executive committees. Applicant should provide their own accompaniment. (See notes.)
6. Successful applicant will attend the spring concert of the High Plains Singers to receive scholarship award and acknowledgement. (See notes.)

Documentation required from the applicant:

1. Pertinent personal information such as name, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and parents or guardians names as appropriate.
2. A letter of acceptance at the college or university you are planning to attend including your stated major, **or** proof that an application has been sent if acceptance to the institution is still pending. Upon acceptance, you must provide a valid letter of acceptance from the university before scholarship monies will be awarded.
3. Latest school transcript showing GPA. (Home school students should provide a transcript with GPA certified by the home school administrator/provider.)
4. Proof of residence within the Elizabeth, Kiowa, or Elbert school districts for the last two years.
5. A resume of musical background information such as lessons, groups you have performed in, any awards or honors you have received, including the dates.
6. **Two** letters of recommendation. **One** should be from a music teacher who is familiar with your abilities. The other should be from a personal reference who is familiar with your character and goals.
7. A short essay explaining what your plans and goals are for your future in music.

Application process:

1. March 31st each year - application and all pertinent documentation should be received by High Plains Singers' scholarship committee at the address listed below.
2. April 10th each year - applicant will receive notice from the scholarship committee regarding whether the application has been accepted or declined.
3. April each year - a performance by the applicant for the choir will be arranged. (Applicant must provide your own accompaniment.)
4. May 1st each year - a final determination of the scholarship award will be announced. Applicants will be notified by phone and mail.
5. Usually the first Saturday in May each year - successful applicant will attend and receive official recognition of scholarship award at the High Plains Singers' concert.

Distribution of Scholarship monies:

Scholarship monies will be distributed as a check written to the college or university for the student's benefit.

Notes:

1. A resident of the Elizabeth, Kiowa, or Elbert school districts is one who may claim these areas as their residence when not in attendance at some other educational or career related institution. The scholarship committee will make the final determination of eligibility.
2. Performance solos may include the accompaniment of a pianist or other instrumentalist, a pre-recorded accompaniment track, or self-accompaniment on an instrument.
3. A designated representative of the successful applicant may attend the spring concert of the High Plains Singers only upon the approval of the scholarship committee.

High Plains Singers' college scholarships are for one year. The number and award amounts may vary from year to year. High Plains Singers also reserves the right to decline any or all applications.

Submit applications to:

Mrs. Laurie Paiga Lopp
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