

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

The scholarship provides two first place, two second place, and two third place awards per school year to vocalists who are active in their school, church or community choirs. We have two categories:

CATEGORY ONE for singers age 14-16

CATEGORY TWO for singers age 17-19

It is our intention that the award be used to further the winners' musical development — for voice lessons, repertoire, workshops and music camps, etc. — although there are no restrictions on how the award is spent. A live audition, oral interview, and teacher recommendation will determine each winner. Applications accepted may be limited to 20 per category.

The Sacramento Master Singers will also be offering a **Judges Commendation Award** to one applicant per category who has not been studying one-on-one with a voice teacher, but shows untapped vocal talent. Four 30-minute voice lessons with an SMS member will be awarded to the commendation winner.

Scholarship winners may also be selected for a solo performance at a Master Singers Concert.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Must live and attend school in the greater Sacramento area.
- Must be between the ages of 14-19 on the audition date.
- Must be an active participant in their school, church or community choir.
- Must complete the application process.
- Must provide a photo with the application.
- Must be able to attend the Sacramento Master Singers' concert in May of their audition year to be recognized as a scholarship winner, if applicable.

Dates for the 2011 Scholarship Auditions

Application due date (post marked)

March 26th

Audition at American River College

Saturday, April 9th

Award Ceremony at SMS Concert

May 21st or May 22nd

Asya Pleskach

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
FOR YOUNG CHORAL SINGERS
Presented by the Sacramento Master Singers

On February 7th, 2003, 18-year-old Asya Pleskach was killed in a tragic car accident. Asya, a 2002 Cordova High School graduate and former member of the Sacramento Master Singers, was a talented and promising young vocalist and music student at American River College. After Asya and her family immigrated to the United States in the mid-1990's, she began singing in the Bethany Slavic Missionary Church choir and in the Cordova High School Choral program. Asya also spent two summers at the prestigious Young Musicians Program at UC Berkeley and had recently sung in the opera chorus at Capitol Opera Sacramento.

*To honor her memory and encourage other young singers, the Sacramento Master Singers established **The Asya Pleskach Memorial Scholarship for Young Choral Singers.***



APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicant will be notified one week prior to the audition of their 20-minute time slot (applicants may request a morning or afternoon time).
- Applicant must perform one song of their choice, from memory, with accompaniment (live or recorded; applicant must supply accompanist; CD player will be available). Song must be of a classical or art song style; no pop, musical theater or choral arrangements. The performance will be judged on the following: preparation, tone quality, intonation, expression and overall musicality. Please bring one copy of the music selection for the audition committee.
- Following the performance, the applicant will be asked a series of questions regarding their musical background, current musical and choral activities, leadership skills and future musical plans.
- Applicant must submit the Teacher Recommendation Letter from current teacher at the audition.
- Applicant must bring a current photo to the audition. The photo can be casual or formal; any size is fine, provided it shows a good likeness of the applicant.
- The audition committee will consist of current members of the Sacramento Master Singers.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION LETTER

Applicants current choral director must draft a letter of recommendation which includes the following information:

- Applicant's name.
- Name of teacher.
- Dates teacher worked with applicant.
- Position of teacher.
- Describe the applicant's participation in choral program. Include leadership skills, musical and sight-reading abilities and overall commitment to the choral program.
- If this applicant were to be awarded this scholarship, how would you suggest the award be spent?

Please feel free to reproduce the application and information as needed. Forms may also be downloaded from the Sacramento Master Singers' Web site at www.mastersingers.org.

*For more information, you may contact
Tina Harris, Scholarship Coordinator,
(916) 215-0260 or tinaharris@comcast.net*

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



GENERAL INFORMATION

ONE (age 14-16) TWO (age 17-19)
SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORY

NAME _____

DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS (INCLUDING ZIP CODE) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL _____

CURRENT SCHOOL _____

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL _____

AGE AS OF THIS YEAR'S AUDITION DATE _____

Female Male
GENDER

AUDITION INFORMATION

Time preference (choose one):

- Morning (9:00AM - 12:00PM).
- Afternoon (1:00PM - 5:00PM).

May we notify you of your audition time by e-mail?

- Yes.
- No, I prefer phone or mail notification.

JUDGES COMMENTATION AWARD

Applicants must have had limited or no previous private voice study. The winner will receive four voice lessons from a Sacramento Master Singers member. Do you wish to be considered for this award?

- Yes. No.

PREVIOUS & CURRENT CHORAL PARTICIPATION

(List most current first. Attach additional sheets if needed.)

NAME OF DIRECTOR/CONDUCTOR _____

DATES OF PARTICIPATION _____

NAME OF SCHOOL/CHURCH/CAMP/COMMUNITY CHOIR _____

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PREVIOUS & CURRENT VOICE STUDY

(List most current first. Attach additional sheets if needed.)

NAME OF TEACHER _____

DATES OF INSTRUCTION _____

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DATES OF INSTRUCTION _____

TEACHER SIGNATURE & DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE & DATE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE & DATE _____

Mail application to:

Tina Harris, 4610 Larson Way, Sacramento, CA 95822
You can also e-mail your materials to tinaharris@comcast.net.