

Bennington County Choral Society

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AUDITION INFORMATION

The Bennington County Choral Society is preparing for its 2025 scholarship auditions, which will be held on Friday, April 4th at 6pm at the Second Congregational Church in Bennington. A prize of \$500 will go to the scholarship recipient(s). The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial support for the continued study of music. The scholarship awards are based on a competitive audition.

To be eligible for the audition, a musician must:

1. Be a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in high school.
2. Reside in Bennington County or the neighboring towns of Williamstown, Petersburg, Hoosick, Hoosick Falls, White Creek, Cambridge, or North Adams. Students who do not live in Bennington County but attend a high school in the county are also eligible.
3. Perform two instrumental or vocal compositions from the standard repertoire, each not more than five minutes in length which demonstrate contrasting styles or techniques.
4. Complete and return an application on or before March 21st, 2025. Applications should be submitted electronically to BCCS Scholarship Coordinator Benjamin April at benapril27@gmail.com.

An accompanist can be provided if necessary. Applicants needing an accompanist should provide copies of their music ahead of time. Applicants are asked to dress in performance-appropriate attire. This event is open to the public, and there will be a reception following the auditions.

The scholarship winner will receive their award at the BCCS Spring Concert on Sunday, May 4th. The winner will be invited to perform one of their pieces at the concert.

Application forms are enclosed. If more copies are needed, you may duplicate the form. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Benjamin April at benapril27@gmail.com.

BENNINGTON COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY

Scholarship Audition Application

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 21st, 2025

AUDITION DATE: Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 6pm

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TOWN/CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE (include area code): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL NAME & ADDRESS: _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL (please circle one): FRESHMAN SOPHOMORE JUNIOR SENIOR

MUSIC TEACHER: (private or school music teacher): _____

INSTRUMENT: _____ NUMBER OF YEARS STUDIED: _____

List below the compositions you will perform. Select two compositions which demonstrate contrasting styles and techniques. The time of the audition is limited to 10 minutes.

Memorization is not required. Students requiring an accompanist must provide their own. A printed copy (not photocopied) of your music must be provided for the judges, and yourself if necessary.

FIRST COMPOSITION: _____

COMPOSER: _____

SECOND COMPOSITION: _____

COMPOSER: _____

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Do you need an accompanist provided, or will you bring your own?

If you are the recipient of the BCCS Scholarship, how will you use the money awarded?

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

TEACHER SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS ELECTRONICALLY TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW
BY MARCH 21st, 2025. IF YOU NEED AN ACCOMPANIST, PLEASE SEND PDF COPIES
OF YOUR MUSIC ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

Benjamin April

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