

The Tahoma Chapter of the National Association for Teachers of Singing Guidelines for the Tahoma Chapter – N.A.T.S. Scholarship Award

The Tahoma Chapter – N.A.T.S. (National Association of Teachers of Singing) **Scholarship Award** was created to benefit the career and educational development of students of Tahoma Chapter members who show exceptional promise and commitment to the art of singing. The amounts of all awards will be determined annually by the Executive Board of the Tahoma Chapter. The Executive Board will appoint a scholarship committee to oversee all applications and distribution of awards.

In order to be considered for this award, a student must:

- I. Be currently studying with a Tahoma Chapter – N.A.T.S. member for at least six months.
- II. Be a senior in high school or equivalent in home-school. Proof of enrollment may be required
- III. Pay the \$20 accompanist fee and complete an application to include:
 - A. A one-page essay explaining how he/she sees music impacting his/her future, how NATS has affected him/her as a singer and how he/she has been inspired by music.
 - B. A list of repertoire to be performed, chosen according to this statement.

Scholarship applicants will prepare 3 contrasting pieces that display the best of the applicant's abilities, training, musicality and marketability as a future member of the musical and/or performing community.

(Note: Two of the three selections will be performed at the competition. The first will be the student's choice and the second will be chosen from the remaining two by the judges)

- IV. Demonstrate ability and talent for vocal performance by audition.

A minimum of five (5) applicants will be necessary to hold the auditions. The executive board of the Tahoma Chapter will appoint a committee of judges for the auditions. The judges will make the final selection of the scholarship winner(s) at the live audition. The Tahoma Chapter – N.A.T.S. retains the right to withhold award grants in any year if no candidate is determined to be qualified by the judges.

The president, or chair of the scholarship committee of the Tahoma Chapter, shall notify the chosen award recipient of the decision. The award payment will be made at the spring student recital, at which the scholarship award winner will be required to perform. All award checks will be made payable to the student.

All applications must be received no later than the established due date.

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