

Sweet Adelines International

Young Singers Scholarship

BEV SELLERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DESCRIPTION

The Young Singers Scholarship provides scholarships, specifically to young women involved in the barbershop art form, to assist in the furtherance of their music education. The scholarship is named in honor of Bev Sellers' contribution to Sweet Adelines International, music education and four-part, a cappella barbershop harmony. A scholarship applies to one academic year, with payment split equally for two semesters. Sweet Adelines International determines the number and amount of awards to be given each year based on results of annual fundraising efforts. Women who have completed at least one semester at the university level are eligible to apply for the scholarship, annually awarded in the spring for the subsequent academic year.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- f Applicant must submit a completed scholarship application postmarked by January 25, 2021. She must be involved in barbershop activities or affiliated with Sweet Adelines International for a minimum of one year, or be involved in a Sweet Adelines chorus or regionally sponsored young women's barbershop events for a minimum of one year.
- If applicable, she is a member of a Sweet Adelines International chorus or quartet and in good standing with both her local chorus and the International organization.
- Student is an undergraduate **music education, vocal pedagogy** or **music composition** major at a four-year college or university and can provide verification of enrollment.
- Her grade point average at the time of application reflects a minimum 3.5 GPA.
- On her application, the applicant must demonstrate notable interest in her chosen field of study, as well as promise, success, and recognition in that field.
- Applicant can provide three signed, positive letters of reference, including a letter from her chorus president or director if she is a member of a Sweet Adelines chorus, or a letter from a Sweet Adelines coach if she is in a quartet.
- Recommendations must be consistent with emphasis on commitment, dedication and passion for her chosen field of study in addition to academic intelligence, musical talent and leadership abilities.
 - The Foundation looks at details of Sweet Adelines experience as referenced by candidate's president, director, or coach.
 - Financial need is not considered.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Sweet Adelines International does not discriminate based on race/ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, disability, veteran status, political beliefs, religion, sexual orientation, age, organizational leadership, location or membership in the consideration and review of any scholarship request, and awards do not reflect a bias toward or against same. Equal consideration is given to each scholarship applicant, relying on criteria set forth by the Foundation for its final determination.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit one complete scholarship application packet in pdf format. Ensure submission includes all required supplemental materials (sealed transcripts sent directly from your school are acceptable). Submissions are accepted by email to philanthropy@sweetadelines.com no later than January 25, 2021. The scholarship application is available at www.sweetadelines.com or by emailing philanthropy@sweetadelines.com.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED MATERIALS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED – NO EXCEPTIONS. THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS:

- An official transcript from your current university; email or online versions are not acceptable
- Completed application form
- List of musical activities
- List of extracurricular and civic activities
- Three letters of recommendation, written on letterhead, signed, and dated, which specifically address student's overall strengths and weaknesses and reference her Sweet Adelines experience, if known.
- Four completed essay questions
 - Answer all essay questions on separate sheets of paper, typed, including your name and contact information
 - List all schools attended since high school with formal address and field of study.
 - What are your aspirations and goals for your musical future?
 - What steps have you taken to reach the musical future you envision?
 - What will you be doing in ten years?

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Sweet Adelines International sends notification to all candidates within four months following the deadline date. If an applicant has not received communication from Sweet Adelines by May 25, contact us at philanthropy@sweetadelines.com or by phone at 918-622-1444 or 800-992-7464. Sweet Adelines International will also announce winners online at www.sweetadelines.com after personal notification to all scholarship applicants.

Successful recipients are required to submit a photo by July 1 for use in publications.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Scholarship funds are for payment of tuition, books and academic fees only, and cannot be released until Sweet Adelines International receives enrollment verification for the recipient. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure Sweet Adelines International receives a current and official enrollment verification pursuant to the request of said confirmation. Sweet Adelines International includes scholarship recipient in all communication to the learning institutions. Check with the Registrar's office at your institution to avoid delay of your award.

Sweet Adelines International sets aside the second semester payment to release after requesting and receiving an updated enrollment verification as evidence of good standing and intention to remain in said institution.

All payments are by check, payable to the institution.

If a scholarship recipient drops out of classes or transfers to another college or university, she forfeits her remaining scholarship monies for that academic year. This forfeiture has no effect on future applications of student, provided a college or university obliges Sweet Adelines International's request for proof of enrollment and good standing of the student at their institution.



**SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL
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APPLICATION FORM**

Name _____ SS# _____

Permanent Address _____

Include Apt #, City, State, Zip, and Country other than United States

Phone *best contact* _____ *other* _____

Email _____

Date of Birth: _____ Student ID# _____

Are you a Sweet Adelines Member? yes no Chorus or Quartet Name _____
Member Number: _____ Dates of Membership: _____ to _____
Other Sweet Adelines Affiliation: _____ Dates of Affiliation: _____ to _____
(Rising Star, YWIH, etc.)

I am pursuing a Bachelor's degree in:

Vocal Pedagogy Music Education Music Composition

Name of current college or university:

Next fall I will be a: Sophomore Junior Senior

College or university you plan to attend in 2020-2021 academic year, if different from current:

Have you been accepted by this institution? Yes No

Signature _____ Date _____

This form is valid from November 1, 2020 through January 25, 2021.