

Reading Choral Society 2023 -2024 College Choral Singer Scholarship Awards

Reading Choral Society (RCS) continues to provide educational programs that offer talented young people greater musical opportunities, which fosters the education and development of choral music.

During the 2023-24 choral season, RCS will award scholarships to a collegiate level choral student who is excelling in their training and leadership of the choral arts. A scholarship award will be given to a vocal/choral music major as well as a scholarship award will be given to a student participant in a vocal/choral performance ensemble with a minimum of two music courses. Scholarship recipients must use the award for the continuation of their vocal/choral study. An audition will be required for the scholarship.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have graduated from a Berks County School.
- Undergraduate or Graduate Students, ages 18–30.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled at a college, university, or conservatory.

Commitment

- Selected winners will be asked to verify enrollment in a vocal/choral program or
 performance ensemble for the 2024-25 academic year. Your award will be sent upon receipt
 of a copy of your semester schedule and proof of enrollment for the 2024-25 provided by
 your school.
- Scholarship moneys will be sent after July 15, 2024 to be applied to the 2024-25 academic year. This will be sent directly to the business office. In order to receive the scholarship award, it is necessary to provide all requested documents.

Application

- Deadline for notification of application: January 15 (application on RCS website)
 - Application must be emailed or postmarked by January 15, 2024. Please be sure that emailed copies are legible.
 - Students must include a 500-word essay to application. Also include <u>4 copies</u> of your music you will be singing for your audition. (two contrasting vocal selection styles such as classical vs show tune; opera vs jazz, etc.). Please let us know if you need an accompanist.
 - Students will need to schedule an audition & interview with the scholarship committee this year auditions will be held in person at Immanuel UCC in Shillington- February 10 or 17 from 9:30 am 12pm. Please email scoughlin@readingchoral.org to schedule an audition
 - Students must include a written recommendation from a current vocal/choral professor at his
 or her attending college/university (see page 3 for details). Recommendation may be emailed
 directly to RCS by professor and received before the end of January 20,2024.
 - Please include proof of enrollment at college/university.
 - Please submit a current photo & bio to be used for scholarship winner announcements.

2) Mailing Address:

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- 3) Scholarship applications will be reviewed and awarded by RCS's Scholarship Audition Committee.
- 4) Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than March 30, 2024.