

# VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION GUIDELINES



## ***General Information***

All South Orange County high school students are eligible to apply, whether or not they are currently enrolled in a music class. This competition is for vocal soloists only, no duets or groups, and no instrumentalists. There are two categories: Musical Theater and Classical. We suggest that you choose a song that best reflects your musical interests and showcases your individual talent. *You are welcome to sing one song from each category, but you can be chosen for only one category.*

## ***About the Auditions***

Auditions will be held on **Saturday, January 21, 2012**. Sixteen finalists will be selected to compete at the finals on **March 10, 2012**. All who audition will be informed as to who has been selected as finalists. No recorded accompaniments are allowed. An accompanist will be provided for both the audition and the final competition, but you are free to use your own accompanist at your personal expense. Please bring a nonreturnable copy of your music for the accompanist. That copy will be retained by the accompanist for the finals if you are chosen.

## ***Your Responsibilities as a Finalist***

Finalists are responsible to meet all deadlines listed on the “Calendar of Events.” Finalists are required to participate in the dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 3rd. On the day of the competition, finalists must be available for two hours prior to the competition for rehearsal, sound checks, etc. Dress for the competition is formal or semiformal.

## ***Judging***

Participants will perform to a panel of four judges who are responsible as a group to select the finalists. Students will be judged on song selection, vocal quality, and presentation. Finalists will be given feedback at the dress rehearsal. There will be a second panel of judges for the final competition. All judges are exceptionally qualified musicians, performers or music instructors.

## ***Event Promotion***

We ask that all participants and their schools join us in promoting attendance and ticket sales for the final competition. We need your help in ensuring a full house for this wonderful event. Private vocal coaches and school choir directors will be offered two complimentary tickets.

**\$4,500 IN**

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**PRIZES**

**Musical Theater  
Category**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Place - \$1,000**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Place - \$750**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Place - \$500**

**Classical Category**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Place - \$1,000**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Place - \$750**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Place - \$500**