



Rehearsal Location: The Shrine of St. Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Rd. Stirling, NJ 07980 Web:  
hickorytreechorus.org

February 12, 2021

Dear Director of Guidance/Supervisor of Vocal Music/High School Choral Director,

Hickory Tree Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is pleased to offer the \$1,000.00 Diane Cecala Memorial Scholarship to a musically talented **high school senior woman** interested in pursuing a career in vocal music. Rehearsing in Stirling, New Jersey, we are dedicated to teaching, singing, and performing four-part, acappella harmony. Hickory Tree Chorus has awarded an annual scholarship for over 20 years to students from areas in which its members reside.

An application for the Diane Cecala Memorial Scholarship is enclosed. Please make a copy of this letter and scholarship application and forward them to the Supervisor of Vocal Music and/or the high school choral director. Feel free to make as many copies as you need for your interested students. Music Educators please encourage your students who have exceptional talent to apply. Applications have been sent to high school guidance departments in more than 50 communities. Applications can also be downloaded directly from the chorus web site

**[hickorytreechorus.org](http://hickorytreechorus.org)**

Qualified high school senior girls with good academic records and exceptional talent in vocal music are encouraged to apply. Students should also have applied for acceptance into a music program at a college or university. Applicants must submit an application, an mp3 file which should include at least two vocal performances, demonstrating her particular talent, and post an unlisted, short, personal Youtube presentation. and mp3 files may include accompaniment, as needed. Completed applications and media must be received by April 30, 2021.

Students and parents are welcome to explore our web site at [hickorytreechorus.org](http://hickorytreechorus.org).

Thank you for encouraging your qualified women students to apply.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Prestamo, Scholarship Chair  
68 Lamerson Circle  
Budd Lake, NJ 07828  
[pprestamo54@gmail.com](mailto:pprestamo54@gmail.com) (973-927-4547)



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Hickory Tree Chorus Diane Cecala Memorial Scholarship. Hickory Tree Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is pleased to offer its annual \$1,000. Scholarship to a **young woman graduate** who intends to pursue a career in vocal music. This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of vocal musical talent, review of a YouTube presentation and the application. The Diane Cecala Memorial Scholarship will be presented to the winner after their acceptance to a vocal music program at the college or university of their choice.

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### \$1,000. Diane Cecala Memorial Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

List any after-school activities and community service in which you have been involved.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

List any office held in school, community service activities, and religious organizations.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

List any honors or awards received (music and other areas).

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

List the colleges or universities to which you have applied and/or have been accepted.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

What is your vocal expertise? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you studied music? \_\_\_\_\_ What musical instruments do you play? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

- In addition to your application, please write a brief paragraph describing your commitment to a musical career. You may also attach a resume.
- We would like to get to know you. Please post a 2 or 3 minute personal presentation on Youtube that sums up the following:
  - Your goals and objectives for college and career.
  - How music has impacted your life.
- You should make your presentation on Youtube, unlisted and send the link to Phyllis Prestamo at: pprestamo54@gmail.com
- Email an mp3 file of your vocal presentations Please record 2 or more selections for consideration.
  - Your presentation may include accompaniment.
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### CHECKLIST Be sure to send us all of the items listed below via email or snail mail:

- 1 – Completed application
- 2 – Vocal mp3 file(s)
- 3 – Written paragraph/resume
- 4 – Youtube presentation link

- ✓ Send to: **Hickory Tree Chorus Scholarship 2021**  
68 Lamerson Circle  
Budd Lake, NJ 07828  
or email to: pprestamo54@gmail.com
- ✓ Your entry must be received by April 30, 2021.
- ✓ All applicants will be notified of the results via email in the last week of May.

If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Prestamo – 973-927-4547