

**MARTHA MARCKS MACK ANNUAL AWARD  
for GRADUATE STUDENTS PURSUING A DOCTORAL  
DEGREE IN VOCAL PERFORMANCE  
Annual Award - \$5,000**

**CA 8-2**

**Requirements for Award Audition**

**Audition Video Requirements:**

Five recent audition selections must include the following categories and languages:

Applicants will be required to perform five (5) selections including three (3) different foreign languages and one song in English.

Selections must include:

1. One operatic aria and recitative (German, Italian, or French)
2. One oratorio aria and recitative (English or German)
3. Two art songs in two different foreign languages (German, French, Spanish, Italian, or Russian)
4. One art song in English by an American composer (An American composer is defined as either native-born or one whose background and training have largely been in the United States)

**Three Required Letters of Recommendation must be included**

1. Current voice professor (include professor's contact information and dates of study with that professor).
2. Director of the School of Music where candidate is currently enrolled.
3. Head of the Vocal Department where candidate is currently enrolled.

To further validate a candidate's worthiness and qualifications, additional letters may be submitted by other voice teachers and/or conductors under whom the candidate has sung.

**Submit the following nine items by March 1 to the NFMC website, <https://forms.nfmc-music.org/forms/>**

1. Candidate must show written proof of having been admitted to the vocal performance doctoral program of his/her chosen school, which school must also be accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).
2. A copy of transcript of candidate's grades (undergraduate and graduate)
3. A 150-word narrative describing his/her professional aspirations.
4. National Federation of Music Clubs membership is required. Proof of membership will be verified when your application is submitted. If you are not a member, visit [www.NFMC-music.org/payment](http://www.NFMC-music.org/payment) to pay senior individual dues of \$70.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
6. Candidate must be a native born or naturalized U.S. citizen. Provide a copy of applicant's Birth Certificate, Naturalization Document or U.S. Passport.
7. Printed document with links to your recent audition videos.
8. A printed program of your repertoire; include titles, composers' names and timings of each piece.
9. A \$20 non-refundable Entry Fee, payable at [www.nfmc-music.org/payment](http://www.nfmc-music.org/payment).

A candidate may not receive this award more than one time. Out of date forms will not be considered for judging. **Award Applicants will be notified of results by May 15.**

All prize monies are paid by the NFMC Treasurer using direct deposit (preferred) or a check. The winner is required to submit the CA 20-2 Award Payment Request Form to receive this award.

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