

**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 audition selections must include the following categories and languages, making sure the opera and oratorio selections are not using the same language. Although one language will be used twice, the five selections performed must include Italian, German, French, and English.

1. One operatic aria and recitative: Italian, French or German, sung in the vernacular language.
2. One oratorio aria and recitative: English or German, sung in the vernacular language.
3. Two arts songs; one German, one French or one Italian, sung in the vernacular language.
4. A United States art song by a United States composer sung in English. (A U.S. 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 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 a link to your audition video.
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.

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. Winner is required to submit the CA 20-2 Award Payment Request Form to receive this award."

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