



Choral music scholarships are available for music minors. These scholarships are awarded competitively.

To apply for a CSM music scholarship, complete the scholarship application form and submit two letters of reference. You will then be contacted to schedule a vocal audition. Audition instructions are included in the application form.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Marty Wheeler Burnett at College of Saint Mary at 402-399-2622 or mburnett@csm.edu. Your audition appointment will be scheduled after Ms. Burnett receives your completed application form and two letters of reference. In order to be considered for a scholarship, all of your materials must be received in Ms. Burnett's office by the deadline posted on the CSM web page.

Fine Arts Program Music Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone numbers, with area code:

Home: () ____ - _____ Cell: () ____ - _____

Email address: _____

Birth date: _____

Please describe your musical background by answering the following questions. You may attach an additional page if needed.

Have you sung in a choir? **Yes No**

If yes, please describe your choral background, including number of years, type of choral experience (school, church, etc.), and type of music performed.

Have you studied voice? (individual or group voice lessons) **Yes No**

If yes, please describe your vocal background, including number of years of study.

Do you play an instrument? **Yes No**

If yes, please describe your instrumental background, including number of years of study.

Do you read music? **Yes No**

If yes, please describe your level of proficiency.

Have you studied music theory? **Yes No**
If yes, please describe your level of proficiency.

On the day of the scholarship competition, you will be asked to take a **music theory placement examination**. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a mastery of basic music theory skills through excellent scores on this examination. Questions will cover notes, rhythm, musical terminology, and aural skills. If you have indicated that you do not read music, the test will be waived.

Following the placement test, applicants will participate in vocal auditions. **Please prepare one song for your audition**. This song should be a classical art song, a folk song arrangement, a standard hymn, or a musical theater selection. Choose a song that best demonstrates your vocal abilities and range. "Popular" songs are not acceptable for this audition. Sing from memory. Bring an original, published copy of your song for use by the faculty during your audition. Xeroxed copies are not acceptable.

You may sing unaccompanied, with piano accompaniment, or with recorded accompaniment. If using recorded accompaniment, bring your own equipment for playing your accompaniment. If a piano accompanist is needed, you are responsible for providing one.

Following performance of your song, you will be asked to vocalize to demonstrate your vocal range and technique. Finally, you will be asked to sing at sight a short musical example. You will be given up to one minute to study the example silently before singing.

Music scholarship recipients will be required to register for and sing in the College of Saint Mary Chorus during fall and spring semesters. The Chorus performs both on and off campus several times each semester. Chorus participation requires additional rehearsals and performances outside of regular class time. In order for a scholarship to be renewed, recipients must maintain a grade of "A" in CSM Chorus in addition to meeting any other academic requirements. A scholarship recipient is also required to declare a music minor.

You should request **two letters of reference** from persons familiar with your musical experience and abilities. One of these letters should be from your current high school, college, or church choral director. The application and two references must be received by Ms. Burnett by the deadline stated on the CSM web page.

Please mail this application form to:
Ms. Marty Wheeler Burnett
Director of Fine Arts
College of Saint Mary
7000 Mercy Road
Omaha, NE 68106

Keep a copy for your records, and bring it with you to the audition.

Questions? Contact Professor Burnett at 402-399-2622 or mburnett@csm.edu