



MHBNE Youth Scholarship Fund Guidelines

Purpose: The Mixed Harmony Brigade of New England Scholarship Fund was created so that singers who are qualified to participate in the Mixed Harmony Brigade of New England (MHBNE), but are constrained for personal financial reasons, can apply and be considered for financial support to make participation possible.

Method of requesting scholarships: Anyone between the age of 18 and 25 applying for an upcoming MHBNE weekend may request financial support through the MHBNE scholarship committee once registration opens. To allow adequate time for the applicant to learn the music, it is recommended that all requests for scholarships be submitted as soon as possible. *First-time attendees should not apply for a scholarship until **after** they have applied to the brigade and been accepted.*

Criteria for awarding scholarships: The Scholarship Committee will consider all requests based on need, as presented in the applications, and available funds. The Scholarship Committee will award such scholarships as they deem appropriate and will advise the applicant via email so that the applicant may be secure in the knowledge that they will have adequate funds to participate and start learning the music.

Amount of scholarships: It is the MHBNE policy to fund up to 100% of the total cost of the registration fee minus a \$25-\$50 administration fee. In cases of extreme hardship this fee can be waived. This includes two nights lodging (double room occupancy) at the hotel, Friday night buffet dinner, Saturday morning hot breakfast, Saturday lunch and dinner buffet meals, Sunday morning hot breakfast, as well as sheet music and learning tracks to all repertoire songs.

Use of scholarship awards: In no case will any scholarships awarded under this policy be permitted to transfer to any other participant. If an applicant requires scholarship funds in a future year, they are required to restart the process again in that year. Payment of scholarship funds: awarded scholarships will be handled as a credit to the recipient's account (not paid to them directly).

Obligations of Scholarship Recipients: Scholarship recipients are expected to abide by the same rules of preparation and participation as all other MHBNE participants, including being fully prepared on all arrangements, participating in all facets of the weekend, and singing with anyone who asks.



Application Process: First time attendees must first complete a Prospective Participant Application form, which is available on the [MHBNE website \(www.mhbne.org\)](http://www.mhbne.org) starting October 1st of each year. Applications will be reviewed by the Registration Committee and invitations to participate will be sent to Prospective Participants and prior year participants as their applications are approved. Your Scholarship application will not be reviewed until you are approved for attendance. To allow adequate time for the applicant to learn the music, a request for a MHBNE scholarship should be submitted as soon as possible. Once the maximum number of accepted participants is reached, a wait list will be created and maintained in case of withdrawals. For questions, email

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