

Senior Scholarships

Marilyn J. Austin Scholarship

The Marilyn J. Austin Scholarship was established in 2006 by the Wando High School Chorus Music Boosters to honor Mrs. Austin, for her many years of service to Wando High School as Chorus director (1991-2006). Mrs. Austin believed that instilling a love of music in her students was the most important job of any music teacher. She also wished for her students to carry that love of music with him or her to college and beyond. The Austin Scholarship recognizes the musical accomplishments of a senior member of the Wando Chorus program. The scholarship is for a one-time, lump-sum amount of \$1,000, payable to the college or university where the student will be enrolled. Students who apply for the scholarship must be enrolled in a music major program at a four-year college or university, or must demonstrate that they will be involved in an official collegiate Chorus/vocal ensemble.

Grace Elise and Louis DeWolff Foundation-Music Scholarship

The DeWolff Foundation Music Scholarship was established in 2013 and is a \$2,000 scholarship. Grace DeWolff was President of East Cooper Habitat for Humanity at its inception. Mr. DeWolff was a Board member of the Charleston Concert Association, where he worked to bring the arts to the stage both in music and dance. Mr. DeWolff spent many evenings with his children and grandchildren at concerts, and impressed upon them, the need to sustain the arts in classical and contemporary music and dance. Louis and Grace spread philanthropic culture to their children and grandchildren, and with the establishment of the Grace Elise and Louis DeWolff Foundation, the DeWolff family is able to continue assisting local charities in our community. The Foundation has established a \$2,000 scholarship in memory of their passion and devotion to the arts, specifically in the area of music. This scholarship is awarded to one student annually, based on their love of music, academic success, and passion to pursue the musical arts as a profession. Students who apply for the scholarship must be enrolled in a music major program at a four-year college or university.

In order to apply, students must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1. Must currently be a senior in the Wando Chorus Program, with plans to graduate in the spring.
- 2. Have been a member of the chorus program at Wando for four years, or if a transfer student, must be enrolled at Wando for two years.
- 3. Have maintained an A average in their chorus studies.
- 4. Be in good standing with the administration at Wando.
- 5. Be in good standing with the Chorus directors.
- 6. Have no outstanding debts with the Chorus Booster Club.

Applicants must complete the following:

- 1. Application (available from chorus director).
- 2. Resume.
- 3. Recommendation from an academic teacher.
- 4. Solo Audition- May 16th 6:00 p.m.

An audition recital will be held on May 16th at 6:00 p.m. before a selection committee, that will be composed of the chorus directors and local musicians. **Each applicant must perform two pieces of contrasting styles, with one, preferably, in a foreign language**. At the audition, members of the audition committee are free to ask the students any questions they may have regarding the student's application and/or goals. **Please make arrangements to have your own accompanist.**

The winner will be announced at the Wando Chorus Awards night. Upon confirmation by the chorus director that the student is in a music program and/or a Chorus ensemble, the director will authorize the Chorus Booster Club Treasurer to mail a check to the university or college where the student is enrolled.