

Handel Week, Incorporated
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Rules Concerning the Handel Week Choral Scholarship

The Suzanne and Charles Wells Choral Scholarship is offered by the Handel Week Board of Directors in celebration of and gratitude to Handel Week Festival founder Charles Chauncey Wells and his wife Suzanne. It is available to any student in their sophomore, junior or senior year in high school. The winning student will gain valuable experience by attending rehearsals for and the performance of a masterwork by George Frideric Handel with Handel Week's professional musicians under the direction of Dr. Dennis Northway. The winner will also receive a \$500 stipend towards future vocal study.

Qualifications:

Candidates must be in their sophomore, junior or senior year in high school and recommended by their choral director, music teacher or another professional musician. The student should have basic musical skills, such as the ability to sightread, and have some experience in choral singing. The student should have sufficient academic standing, such that participating in Handel Week's rehearsals and performance will not compromise their studies.

Application:

Interested students may apply by filling out an application available on the Handel Week website at www.handelweek.com, or by contacting Jennifer Glagov at 708-445-7087. Applications must be submitted **no later than November 15, 2011**.

Audition:

Upon approval of the initial application, applicants will be invited to audition for a panel of Handel Week musicians and Dr. Dennis Northway, Handel Week's Artistic Director. Singers should prepare a solo that displays their aptitude for baroque music. They will be expected to provide two copies of their music. If requested, an accompanist will be available. An interview and a sightreading exam will also be conducted at this time. The audition will be held on Saturday, November 19 between Noon – 2:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois

Important dates and deadlines:

- The application must be submitted no later than November 15, 2011.
- Auditions will take place on November 19, 2011 between Noon – 2:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park, Illinois.
- The winner will be announced on December 1, and must accept by December 10.
- Rehearsals for the Handel Week Chorus will begin in January.
- The work in which the winner of the 2011 competition will participate, Handel's oratorio *Semele*, will be performed on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 3:00 pm.

Conditions of the Wells Choral Scholarship:

- The amount of the Wells Choral Scholarship is \$500.00.
- If the winner is a sophomore or junior in high school, monies will be sent to the student's teacher for musical training expenses or for their college fund. If the winner is a college-bound senior, monies will be sent directly to the college, university or conservatory of their choice.
- The Wells Choral Scholarship may be held in conjunction with other similar awards and scholarships.
- Scholarship winners must attend all required rehearsals.
- Attendance at the post-concert reception is part of the winner's duties.
- Concert attire required will be black tuxedo for men and long, black attire for women. Concert attire is the responsibility of the performer.

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE WELLS CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP

This form must be filled out and returned to The Handel Week Scholarship Committee, c/o Grace Episcopal Church, 924 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL. 60301-1298 no later than Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

Name: (please print) _____

Home address _____

Home telephone number _____

E-mail address _____

High School attending _____

Voice range (please circle) Soprano, Mezzo-soprano, Alto,
Counter-tenor, tenor, Baritone, or Bass

Name of audition selection _____

Relevant information: (years of private instruction, choral experience,
awards,
etc.) _____

Please enclose with your application the following: a reference written for the student by a trained musician who has knowledge of the student's singing and musical ability. If he or she prefers, the reply can be sent directly to the committee at the address shown above, stating clearly that it is in connection with an application for the Wells Choral Scholarship.

Signature of student candidate: _____

Date: _____