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"A multi-faith community choir"

The Neil Hook Vocal Music Scholarship Award

The Festival Celebration Choir will hold a competition for current graduating High School Seniors in the Greater Capital District. The winning applicant will receive a cash prize of \$1000.00 and will also agree to perform at our Spring concert. Applicants should be attending college in the Fall and continuing their study of music, although not necessarily planning a major or career in music. The cash prize is intended to facilitate the continued study of music.

Based on an applicant's written application, academic record, and references, up to five finalists will be chosen to audition. Each finalist will prepare two pieces, one piece composed prior to the 20th century and one piece composed in or after the 20th century. An applicant might consider checking the NYSMA catalog. Audition selections are to be performed with their own accompanist – pre-recorded accompaniments are not permitted. The scholarship winner will agree to perform at our Spring concert, May 18, 2025.

All written applications must be postmarked by Monday, February 24, 2025. The auditions for finalists will be held on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the evening. Times will be designated.

In the event of inclement weather, an alternate date will be provided. Location: First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., Albany, NY 12210.

You must provide your own accompanist for the audition, dress rehearsal and the Spring concert performance.

Two copies of your musical selections are required at the audition.

For more information, contact:

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Applications are available at the choir's website: http://www.festivalcelebrationchoir.org