



August 1, 2024

Dear Colleague,

The William Warfield Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for its 6th Annual Classical Vocal Competition for African-American High School Students until October 4, 2024. Submissions consist of an online application, one letter of recommendation from a teacher describing musical aptitude and potential, and a YouTube or Vimeo link to a video including one selection (maximum 5 minutes).

There is no cost to apply. Five finalists will be selected to receive coaching in a virtual class with a professional vocalist on Saturday, October 19, and submit a video for final judging by Friday, October 25. The Final Virtual Competition will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024. All finalists will receive cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to support their musical careers. Artistic merit and financial need are considered in the adjudication process.

Visit www.williamwarfield.org for more contest details, a suggested repertoire list and online application form.

After the example of its namesake, the great American bass-baritone, educator and mentor, the **William Warfield Scholarship Fund** supports African-American classical vocalists in their careers through high school, college, and beyond. The fund celebrates the contributions of African-Americans past, present, and future to the field of classical vocal performance.

Please share this opportunity with students and colleagues nation-wide to help us encourage the next generation of African-American vocalists.

Sincerely yours,

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