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## *Kiwanis Club University Seattle*

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February 11, 2025

Greetings!

This is the 47<sup>th</sup> year that the University Kiwanis Club will offer a voice scholarship in honor of Carl Pitzer and Norman Weeks. Originally, we awarded scholarships to only graduating seniors; but, we now accept applications from *all* students currently in high school, including those graduating in June of 2025. The scholarship rules provide that a scholarship of \$3,000 may be offered each year to the most deserving vocal student. We will also offer \$1,500 prizes to two runners-up. (This allocation is not hard and fast, but normally adhered to. Final awards will be at the discretion of the scholarship committee on the day of the mandatory performance, noted below.)

In previous years, we have had applicants from most school districts in King County, as well as from private and parochial schools. Winners have come from Evergreen, Bellevue, Nathan Hale, Issaquah, Cleveland, Highline, Shorecrest, Juanita, Lake Washington, Redmond, Bothell, Sammamish, and Roosevelt High Schools. Perhaps this might be the year that a student from your school is so honored. In selecting scholarship recipients, our judgment is based upon both talent and financial need.

Each applicant must participate in a concert on the afternoon of May 10, 2025. Each will sing two songs, no more than 5 minutes total, (one classical and one standard or from the musical theatre repertoire) for the judges and audience. (An accompanist will be provided.) Applicants must also submit a letter of reference.

A practice session will be held on the morning of May 3, 2025, (if possible) with the accompanist noted above.

All applications must be emailed (preferred) or postmarked by April 18, 2025, in order for us to screen applicants and grant a fair audition to all those who are eligible. Enclosed are copies of the application form and our information sheet – make as many extra copies as your school needs. Also included this year is an informational flyer to help spread the word.

If there are any additional questions, please reach me at [susanbardsley55@gmail.com](mailto:susanbardsley55@gmail.com) or 206-660-9034. (Again, email preferred!)

Sincerely,

Susan Bardsley, Chair  
Pitzer/Weeks Memorial Scholarship Committee



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**UNIVERSITY KIWANIS PITZER/WEEKS MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP FOR VOICE STUDY  
APPLICATION**

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ *(Most communication will be via email!)*

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Previous musical experience** *(List instruments played, number of years, and years of private lessons. Also include performance experience and awards.)*

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**Other school and community activities and awards** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Schools Attended** *(Include dates and years)* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Present school** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation date/year** \_\_\_\_\_

**How will this grant benefit you in your future goals?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Recommendations** – Please include at least one letter, a personal reference, from either a school music director, school counselor, or from someone who has known you at least three years.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

All applications must be emailed (preferred method) or postmarked no later than **April 18, 2025**

Email: [susanbardsley55@gmail.com](mailto:susanbardsley55@gmail.com) or address written application to:

**SUSAN BARDSLEY  
UNIVERSITY KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR  
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Seattle WA 98109**



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### THE UNIVERSITY KIWANIS PITZER/WEEKS SCHOLARSHIP FOR VOICE STUDY

In the memory of Carl Pitzer and Norman Weeks, both long-time members of University Kiwanis and music educators, scholarships for voice study are awarded each year (beginning in 1979) to the most deserving high school student from any public, private, or parochial school in the greater Seattle area. Determination of the most deserving voice student shall be based upon the following criteria:

1. Musical abilities as demonstrated by the student's performance. Judges will be considering the following criteria: Voice quality; pitch; articulation; stage deportment; interpretation; quality of foreign language interpretation; and basic musicality;
2. Basic attitude and a stated desire to continue their music studies beyond high school -- based upon letter of recommendation and a final interview with one of the judges; and
3. Financial need as determined by initial interview. A potential recipient is ineligible for Kiwanis Scholarship consideration if already receiving any other voice scholarship assistance.

Allocation of the scholarship fund shall be controlled so that such monies shall be used judiciously for the purpose of vocal lessons or tuition for an established vocal-related program.

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Must be an eligible student at a greater Puget Sound area high school (or home school) in the year the scholarship is awarded;
2. No student related to any member of the University Kiwanis Club is eligible;
3. No recipients may take music or vocal lessons from any member of the University Kiwanis under this program; and
4. An applicant will be considered ineligible for this scholarship if he or she would be receiving any other vocal scholarship at the same time.

#### **Procedure:**

1. All applications must be emailed or postmarked no later than **April 18, 2025**;
2. The Scholarship Committee will screen all applications;
3. A preliminary interview will be granted to the most promising applicants in a location to be designated, by the head of the scholarship committee, Susan Bardsley;
4. Finalists will participate in a concert on the afternoon of Saturday, **May 10, 2025** and will be judged by at least three members of the scholarship committee; and
5. The scholarship will be considered awarded on the date of the concert.

#### **Payments:**

1. The recipient shall submit bills for lessons for approval and payment directly to the University Kiwanis;
2. Payment for lessons shall not exceed the amount of the total scholarship grant for a given year; and
3. The time allotted for utilization of these scholarship monies shall not exceed twelve months from the presentation of the award. The scholarship committee may consider extenuating circumstances in granting a limited extension of time.

Please contact Susan Bardsley with any questions: [susanbardsley55@gmail.com](mailto:susanbardsley55@gmail.com) (or 206-660-9034)