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What is the Young Singers Foundation?

When the Young Singers Foundation was created by Sweet Adelines International in 1992, its purpose was to enrich the lives of young people through educational programs in vocal music. The need for such programs grows bigger every day as music programs are being reduced or eliminated by school systems that struggle to apportion available funds. Without the opportunity to participate in music programs, youngsters are deprived of unique opportunities to develop their creativity, to learn self-discipline and team work, to increase their sense of self-worth, and to learn to live in a global society.

The Foundation meets these purposes by awarding grants to school-based music programs; and funding to after-school and community vocal music activities for young people. The Foundation also awards scholarships to students entering sophomore year of college and who are pursuing degrees in vocal music, music education or music therapy.



YOUNG SINGERS FOUNDATION

You can help to brighten the future of music by supporting the Foundation since funds for grants and scholarships are obtained from donations. There are several options for donating:

- During Region 5's Music School with Lori Lyford, we "passed the hat". Funds collected at the school added up to \$465.00 and will be sent to the Foundation as a donation from Members of Region 5.
- Region 5 members will have the opportunity to show your support for the YSF during the 2010 Regional Competition. More information will be forthcoming.
- Donate online at <http://www.youngsingersfoundation.org/howtogive.htm>
- Pledges: The Foundation will help you schedule donations on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis.
- Gifts of Securities: Giving appreciated stock or bonds to the Foundation results in a double tax deduction. You can deduct the current market value of the securities and you avoid paying tax on the capital.
- Gifts of Life Insurance: You can give to or name the Foundation as the owner and beneficiary of your existing life insurance policy.
- Gifts of income and Family Wealth Planning: The Foundation can receive income for a specific period of time, after which the principle appreciation will pass to your heirs.
- Gifts by Bequest: One of the easiest and most common ways to make a legacy gifts is through an outright bequest to the Foundation through your will or trust.
- The Cornerstone Society: The Cornerstone Society represents those individuals who defer a donation to the Foundation through an estate gift.
- Endowing Scholarship: A donor may set up a \$20,000 endowment for scholarships or grants, the use to be designated by the donor in keeping with the purpose of the Young Singers Foundation. A \$1,000 scholarship or grant based on the earning for the endowment will be awarded annually to a qualified applicant.

So what's the difference between the Young Singers Foundation and the Young Women in Harmony Program?

The Young Singers Foundation is the official charity for Sweet Adelines International. The Foundation provides scholarships and grants to support activities designed to reach out and involve

The Young Women in Harmony Program, sponsored by Sweet Adelines International, offers to music educators a means of including the study and performance of barbershop harmony in school music programs. The aim is to provide materials, training and performance opportunities for young women and to foster appreciation for the American musical art form.

More about YSF can be found at www.youngsingersfoundation.org.

Help YSF WIN \$

The Christie Cookie Company is giving away \$25,000, and Sweet Adelines' Young Singers Foundation (YSF) is one of the charities that has been nominated.

The charity that receives the most votes receives \$10,000; the runner-up gets \$5,000, and the next ten receive \$1,000 each.

You can help put YSF at the top of the list - it's really EASY.

1. Click on <http://ilovechristiecookies.com/contest/form.asp>
2. Scroll down the list of charities and click on Young Singers Foundation, Tulsa, OK.
3. Type in your name and email. City and state are optional.
4. Type the two security words with a space between them.
5. Click "submit." Done!

Voting results can be found at

<https://www.christiecookies.com/StoreFront/IAFDispatcher?iafAction=showMain>

then click on "voting results" under the "\$25,000 Charity Giveaway" banner. Votes have been overwhelming so don't be alarmed if you don't see your vote count right away.

Here is what is happening in Region 5 in September

September 8: LAST DAY to VOTE for Amy, daughter of Wendy Ostrem (Metro Mix member) competing in the Sweet Adelines Acapella singing contest. To rate her video, click on link here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mw-HCBMO0g>

September 19: **St. Louis Harmony** 2p.m. & 7:30p.m. - Florissant Civic Center Theater featuring **Moxie Ladies**, 2009 International Champion Quartet. For tickets, www.stlharmony.org or 314-662-3933

September 26: **Champaign-Urbana** Show Faith Methodist Church Worship Center, 1719 S. Prospect Ave. Champaign, IL. Featured Guests: **Main Street, USA Quartet**.

September 26: **Danville** Fall Show - Danville Area Community College, 2000 East Main Street, Danville, IL. Shows are at 3:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.