



**Aiken Singers**

**2016**

## **Diane Haslam Vocal Performance Scholarship**

**Aiken Singers** is pleased to announce that it is currently taking applications for the 2016 Diane Haslam vocal performance scholarship. **The Diane Haslam Vocal Performance Scholarship** was established in December 2010 by The Board of The Aiken Singers and is intended to benefit high school seniors studying or living in Aiken, Barnwell, and Edgefield Counties in South Carolina and Richmond and Columbia Counties in Georgia, who are committed to the study of Vocal Performance at the college level. The amount of the scholarship may vary in a given year based upon available funds. For 2016 it is \$1000.00.

The Scholarship Committee will select winners based upon a combination of the applicant's talent and recommendations from music teachers, school representatives or other professionals within the community. Evidence of "giving back" to the community will also play a role in their decision. Students singing in a community choir, church choir, or participating in local musicals, etc., will be given special consideration.

High school music teachers and local community music teachers may wish to encourage their most talented students to apply for this scholarship. Applicants for the 2016 scholarship should fill out the attached application form and submit it by April 30, 2016. The Scholarship Committee will choose finalists based on the applications received. A live audition will be held in Aiken, during May, to select the winner. The scholarship will be awarded by June 1st of each year.

The scholarship is renewable for one year based upon available funds as well as evidence that the student is maintaining a minimum "B" average in his/her academic studies. Also required for renewal is a written communication from a teacher or director of a local vocal group in the area where the applicant is studying that shows evidence of the student's support of vocal music in that community.