

Shari Bierman Singer Fellowship

The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus is offering fellowships for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree in a music-related field during the 2019-2020 academic year. Up to two **Shari Bierman Singer Fellowships** may be granted, each in the amount of \$3,000. Students must have demonstrable skill, evidenced through a combination of academic and musical talent, GPA, and performance ability. Applicants must be able to commit to the full rehearsal and performance schedule of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus. Fellowship recipients will have additional guidance and mentorship opportunities from the choral conducting staff of The Cleveland Orchestra.

ELIGIBILITY:

- College undergraduate and graduate level students pursuing a vocal performance, music education, conducting, or similar music-related degree during the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Students must be enrolled full-time.
- Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Students must be able to commit to the full rehearsal and performance schedule of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus.

APPLICATION PROCESS – all materials due by **1:00pm Thursday, May 2, 2019:**

- Complete application available online at <https://goo.gl/forms/6vpFaOr4TQqgxUL32>.
- Performance resume.
- Submit one letter of reference supporting musical background and character from current or most recent studio/private director or ensemble director.
- Submit a personal statement about how your participation as a chorus member would contribute to your long-term goals (not to exceed 500 words).
- A copy of your most recent transcript (an unofficial transcript is acceptable).

Application materials should be submitted to chorus@clevelandorchestra.com. Candidates will be contacted by email to schedule an audition appointment upon completion of the online application.

Auditions will be heard by appointment on Saturday, May 4, at Fairmount Temple in Beachwood.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Perform two contrasting pieces, each approximately 3 minutes in duration. At least one selection should be in a foreign language.
- Sight-read selections of the director's choice, with accompaniment.
- Sing scales, arpeggios, or other technical exercises as directed.

CHORUS SCHEDULE:

The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus rehearses on Monday evenings from 7:00pm – 10:00pm in Beachwood, with some additional Sunday evenings and every night during concert weeks. The COC is tentatively scheduled to begin rehearsals September 8, 2019, and end before May 17, 2020.

Members of the COC perform with The Cleveland Orchestra in subscription and Christmas concerts at Severance Hall. The coming season for the COC will include performances of major works by John Adams, Felix Mendelssohn, and Johann Sebastian Bach. A detailed schedule will be sent for review upon receipt of application.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS

Decisions will be announced by email no later than Friday, May 24. Questions regarding the application process should be sent to chorus@clevelandorchestra.com.