

## The Evangelyna Etienne Scholarship Award 2017 Application Form

A completed application and other required materials must be received no later than **March 1, 2017** to be considered as an applicant for the 2017 Evangelyna Etienne Scholarship Award. **Current and former VAP students, ages 16–24, are eligible for this award.**

Mail or fax the application to:

Handel and Haydn Society  
Attn: Education Coordinator  
9 Harcourt Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
Fax 617 266 4217

Contact Information

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Applicant's Name

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Home Mailing Address

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City

State

Zip Code

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Telephone

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Email Address

*All application materials become the property of the Handel and Haydn Society and cannot be returned.*

If you are selected to receive this award, any photographs, recordings or videos or submitted essays taken become the property of the Handel and Haydn Society to promote the Vocal Arts Program. If you are selected to receive this award, you agree to accept the award in person at the High School Soloists Recital on **June 7, 2017** at New England Conservatory. **If you agree to these terms, please sign your name and date of application below.**

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Applicant's Signature

Date

## The Evangelyna Etienne Scholarship Award Fact Sheet

The award is named in memory of Handel and Haydn Society VAP alumna Evangelyna Etienne who passed away in September 2011 after battling a terminal illness. She joined H+H Singers at age 10 and progressed through Youth Chorus and Young Women's Chorus; as a High School Soloist, she studied voice with Barbara Winchester at the New England Conservatory and piano with Bert Yocom. A graduate of Saugus High School, Evangelyna was a music education major at Gordon College from 2008–2011, studying voice with Susan Brooks. She was a recipient of both the *Candace MacMillen Achtmeyer Award* (2008) and the *Barbara E. Maze Award for Musical Excellence* (2011). Evangelyna displayed a passion for and commitment to vocal music, along with an energy and a generosity of spirit, all of which enabled her to inspire others through and beyond her music. Friendly and outgoing, she was genuinely devoted to serving others, and volunteered wherever she could in her school, her church, and her community.

A \$500 award will be given to a current or former VAP student age 16–24 who plans to continue vocal training at the college level.

Required materials (due no later than March 1, 2017):

- Completed application
- Personal Essay
- Teacher Recommendation

Eligibility criteria for the award are:

- Applicants must be age 16–24.
- Applicants must have participated in VAP (Young Men's/Women's Chorus) for two or more years. Candidates in grades 11 or 12 must be enrolled in VAP during the application period.
- The recipient will be expected to accept the award in person at the High School Soloists Recital on **June 7, 2017** at New England Conservatory.

Selection for the award is based on:

- A personal statement which demonstrates the intention to continue pre-professional vocal training in college, or through private study, workshops, festivals, etc.
- A letter of recommendation from a current VAP Conductor or a private voice teacher attesting to the candidate's level of musical excellence. A standard recommendation form will be provided by H+H.
- Evidence in personal statement and/or teacher recommendation of activities and qualities comparable to those that characterized Evangelyna Etienne (passion for vocal music, generosity of spirit, ability to inspire others through music, commitment to serving others).

**If no applicants meet the award criteria, the Handel and Haydn Society reserves the right to not make an award.**

## The Evangelyna Etienne Scholarship Award Personal Statement

One of the criteria for selection for the Evangelyna Etienne Scholarship Award is a personal statement. Please review the instructions below and prepare your statement in response to the questions presented on this form.

### Instructions:

- Prepare a separate response for each of the four questions listed below.
- There is no minimum or maximum length for each question.
- Review each of your responses to make sure they are clear and direct and that each addresses the question.
- The personal statement must be submitted in typed format; an e-mail application is acceptable.
- The Handel and Haydn Society must *receive* your response no later than **March 1, 2017**. Any materials received after March 1, will deem the applicant ineligible. The Education Committee will meet during the month of March to review all applications.

### Personal Statement Questions:

1. What are your future plans concerning your musical studies, and how will this award be specifically used to further these plans?
2. Evangelyna displayed a passion for and commitment to vocal music, an energy and a generosity of spirit, all of which enabled her to inspire others through and beyond her music. In what ways have you been able to inspire others (children, peers, or older adults) through your involvement in music? What should the Committee know about you that would honor Evangelyna's memory in awarding you the scholarship? For example, Evangelyna was involved in community service. In what volunteer activities are you or have you been involved?
3. Please tell us about your family and any circumstances which would affect your ability to apply to college or continue your musical training during college.
4. What personal and musical benefits have you gained from your participation in the Vocal Arts Program?

Submit your application and completed personal essay for receipt by **March 1, 2017** to:

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Teacher recommendation forms must be submitted under separate cover by the teacher/conductor at the above address by **March 1, 2017**.

**Evangelyna Etienne Scholarship Award  
Confidential Teacher Recommendation Form**

The **Evangelyna Etienne Scholarship Award** was established by the Handel and Haydn Society in 2012 to honor the memory of a former student, Evangelyna Etienne, and to assist current or former students in H+H's Vocal Arts Program (VAP) for whom it will make a significant difference in furthering their vocal music studies. With her passion for and commitment to vocal music, her energy, and her generosity of spirit, Evangelyna was an inspiration to other students. She was genuinely devoted to serving others, and volunteered wherever she could in her school, her church, and her community. The Education Committee is looking for applicants, ages 16–24, who exemplify these qualities in addition to their vocal talents, and who will serve as role models for future aspiring VAP graduates. Please evaluate your student with this in mind.

**Please print or type, and elaborate as much as possible on each section. If an item needs further explanation, we will contact you for clarification.**

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Applicant's Name

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Instructor's Name

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Title and Institution

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Daytime Telephone

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Email Address

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How long has this student been studying with you?

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Please indicate your assessment of the applicant's vocal abilities using the following scale: Exemplary (top 10%), Very Good, Good, Fair, Poor. Please provide reasons for your assessment in *each category*. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

**What evidence have you seen in this applicant of the qualities demonstrated by Evangelyna Etienne (passion for and commitment to vocal music, energy, generosity of spirit, an ability to inspire others through music, and involvement in community service)?**

**Musicianship/Talent**    Exemplary (top 10%)  
Provide an explanation for your assessment:

Very Good

Fair

Poor

**Motivation and Commitment**

Exemplary (top 10%)    Very Good  
Provide an explanation for your assessment:

Fair

Poor

**Potential for Professional Growth**

Exemplary (top 10%)    Very Good  
Provide an explanation for your assessment:

Fair

Poor

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Instructor's Signature

Date