

NANBPWC, INC.
NATIONAL VOCAL ARTS COMPETITION
FOR EMERGING ARTISTS

Overview

The National Vocal Arts Competition for Emerging Artists (*formerly The Leontyne Price Vocal Arts Competition*) was introduced as a signature program of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (NANBPWC) in 1982. The National Arts and Cultural Enrichment Task Force administers the competition. The competition seeks to provide a competitive arena where young talented and gifted vocal performing artists of color can demonstrate their artistic abilities. The goal is to assist these artists in fulfilling their career goals and aspirations in vocal arts performance. There are three (3) levels of competition:

- **Preliminary** - Local level sponsored by a local club in the area
- **Semi-finals** - District level sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic District
- **Finals** - National level sponsored by the NANBPWC.

The local clubs are soliciting classical African-American vocal artists, between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25) in the Washington DC, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania areas. The student competitors must be prepared to perform the following repertoire: ARIAS - Opera, Cantata, Mass Requiem, Oratorio; ART SONGS - German Lied, French Melodie; and either a Negro Spiritual or a work by a Contemporary African-American composer. At this time, there are no local competitions. Therefore, the vocal artists will be participating at the District Level.

The Mid-Atlantic District Awards are as follows:

- **1st place** **\$500.00 Award** (*Additional \$500 for travel & lodging to the National Convention*)
- **2nd Place** **\$300.00 Award**
- **3rd Place** **\$200.00 Award**
- **All others** **\$50.00 for Participation**
- **Certificate of Participation to all Contestants**

The educational scholarship awards progress up to \$2,000 on the national level. **The Mid-Atlantic District Competition will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey.** An information package containing application guidelines and the application are attached.

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