

Fielder Career Advancement Grant 2009-2010
Application

To be eligible for the WMMC Fielder Career Advancement Grant, the applicant must be a US Citizen, a Texas resident, between the ages of 22-32 as of November 16, 2009, and fully prepared for a professional vocal career. A tape or CD recording of the applicant's voice must include three selections of contrasting styles and languages. Three references must be provided. The non-refundable application fee is \$35.00. Application deadline is Nov. 16, 2009.

Name: _____ Age (as of 11-16-09): _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

_____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____ Voice Classification: _____

Current Voice Teacher/Coach: _____

Education:	<u>School</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>

Your three musical selections should be chosen from the following categories:
Arias, Art Songs, Lieder, Song Cycles, and/or Oratorio.
All songs must be performed in the original key and language and **accompanied by piano only, not full orchestration.**
One selection must be in English, and one must be an opera aria in a foreign language.

CD Selections:	<u>Title</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Composer</u>	<u>Key</u>	<u>Length</u>
1)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Brief statement of how you plan to use the Grant money to further your career goals:

(see over)

Professional References:

Must be from an opera director, coach or conductor. **References from current teachers or family members will not be accepted.**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

Please attach the following:

- A current resume which includes performance history, any previous awards and honors, biographical information, and career goals
- List of anticipated auditions with estimated expenses
- Three sealed and signed recommendations (**see requirement above**)
- A copy of your birth certificate and a copy of your driver's license
- An 8x10 publicity photo
- Audiotape or CD, labeled with songs listed on application
- \$35.00 check made payable to WMMC (non-refundable)

Send a copy of the completed application and supporting materials, in a single packet to:
WMMC Fielder Grant Committee
c/o 39 Lost Meadow Tr.
Austin, TX 78738-1310

Applications must be postmarked by November 16, 2009.

Finalists will be required to appear in Austin on March 17, 2010 for live auditions. The final selection of grantees will be made at that time. Total grant money up to \$6,000 may be awarded. Grantees will be expected to submit a usage report to the committee.

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I certify that I am eligible to apply for this grant and that the information provided on the application and accompanying materials is correct.

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____
Printed Name: _____