

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AVAILABLE TO
GRADUATING SENIORS**



TO: AUSTIN AREA CHORAL DIRECTORS/COUNSELORS
FROM: BILL BUCHHOLTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION 2012
DATE: January, 2012

Dear Austin Area Choral Director / Counselor

The Austin Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society administers a scholarship fund for one of our long-time members, Bill Buchholtz, who passed away in 2005. Bill was a great gentleman, a wonderful family man, a fine Christian, and a committed Barbershopper who gave of his time and talent for the betterment of the people around him through singing. This scholarship was established at his death as a living memorial to this fine human being.

The Bill Buchholtz Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee is hereby soliciting applications for an award of \$600 that will be granted to a college-bound senior who has been active in the choral program of their high school or church, and plans to continue their musical involvement in college. The qualifying student does not have to major in music, but it is the hope of the committee that the winner will continue their musical development by joining a performing music group while continuing their education. We would appreciate your assistance in giving this offer the widest possible distribution among your graduating seniors.

To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must prepare a maximum 300-word essay that includes; a description of their musical background, how he or she would use the scholarship money, and a specific reason they would be deserving of this award. They should also attach three personal references with contact information. The essay and references may be submitted electronically via email, or on paper. For consideration, submissions should be postmarked (or emailed) no later than Friday, the **6th of April, 2012**.

Submit email applications to mignolifrank@gmail.com

Or send postal mail to:
Acappella Texas, Music VP
PO Box 181075
Austin, Texas 78718-1075

Applications will be judged by the scholarship committee and the top three (3) applicants will be contacted to schedule a short personal interview. The award recipient will be notified via a formal letter of congratulation as soon as possible after all interviews are completed. A letter will also be sent to his or her school's choir director and counselor, and to all choral directors of all participating schools, informing them of the committee's selection. The award will be made at the High School's Senior Awards ceremony. For your information, last year's winner was Sheldon Nalley from Leander High school.

Thank you for your assistance and your dedication to the art of Choral Music.

Frank Mignoli
Acappella Texas
Chairman of the Bill Buchholtz Memorial Scholarship Committee

For more information on the Austin Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, go to www.acappellatexas.org or call 477-SONG