Attention graduating high school seniors: 2026 Vocal Music Scholarship

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Scholarship details

The Oregon Federation of Women’s Clubs is proud to announce the 2026 Violet Lang Vocal Music Scholarship, an exciting opportunity for graduating Oregon high school seniors with a passion for vocal performance. All eligible applicants must be Oregon residents.

One outstanding student will be awarded a $1,000 scholarship to support their college tuition at any accredited institution of higher education, in any field of study. This scholarship celebrates talent, dedication, and the bright futures of Oregon’s young performers as they take their next steps toward academic and artistic success.

Contest location and date

Applicants will showcase their talents by recording a performance video and uploading it to the designated Google Drive folder by April 13th. The scholarship winners will be proudly announced during a special virtual awards ceremony on April 25th, where we will celebrate the achievements and hard work of all participants.

Contest information

Each participant will present a performance of up to 10 minutes, featuring one classical selection and one piece of their choice. Memorization is optional, allowing performers to focus on delivering their best and most confident presentation.

The following criteria will judge contestants:

Judging criteria and weights

Criterion	Weight
Technique	35%
Intonation	20%

General Interpretation	35%
Stage Presence	10%

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Awards and scholarship information

First, second, and third place winners will be recognized for their outstanding talent and dedication. In the event the judges determine that no contestant meets the required standards, an award may not be granted.

The first-place scholarship recipient must notify the Chairman by October 1st of the school year following the award to confirm the college or university they will be attending. Failure to provide this information by the deadline will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. Should the first-place winner forfeit, the scholarship opportunity will be offered to the second-place recipient, ensuring that this valuable award continues to support a deserving student's educational journey.

Additional performance expectations

Contestants will upload a copy of their music for the judges. Contestants are expected to dress professionally for the competition.

How to enter the competition

Each contestant must submit a completed and signed official entry form (see below). The deadline for entry is April 6, 2025. The entry form can be emailed to the contest organizer, Arlene Steenkolk at arlene.steenkolk@gmail.com. Directions on how to upload your video entry to a Google Drive will be emailed after your entry form is received.

Dates to remember

- April 6: Application forms due
- April 13: Performance video and copy of music uploaded to Google Drive
- April 25: Virtual Fine Arts Contest, 2 pm ZOOM: Winners will be announced.

Official entry form

Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, 2026 Violet Lang Vocal Music Scholarship for High School Seniors. This is the readable version. The official PDF is the one to fill in and return.

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Applicant and school details

Field	Entry
Name of applicant	(blank)
Phone number	(blank)
Mailing address	(blank)
Email address	(blank)
Parent/guardian name	(blank)
Parent/guardian phone number	(blank)
Name of high school	(blank)
Singing register	(blank)

Applicant and school details, one entry per field, each left blank to fill in.

Contest checklist

- □ I understand that the entry form must be submitted by April 6, 2026.
- □ I will record my performance and upload it to the designated Google Drive by April 13, 2026.
- □ I will upload a copy of my music for the judges by April 13, 2026.
- □ I will dress in professional attire for the contest.
- □ I am responsible for securing my own accompanist, if needed.
- □ I understand that my performance must meet all stated expectations.
- □ I have read, understand, and agree to follow all eligibility and performance requirements, and I certify that all information provided is accurate.
- □ I give consent for my name and video to be shared on the Oregon Federation of Women’s Clubs website.

Signatures

Applicant and parent or guardian signatures

Signer	Name	Signature	Date
Applicant	Name of applicant: (blank)	Signature of applicant: (blank)	Date: (blank)
Parent or guardian	Name of parent/guardian: (blank)	Signature of parent/guardian: (blank)	Date: (blank)

Signatures: applicant and parent or guardian, each with a name, signature and date line left blank.

Send this signed entry form to Arlene.steenkolk@gmail.com. The deadline for entering the competition is April 6, 2026.

Web address: www.oregongfwc.org/scholarships.html