



UIHLEIN CAREER FUND GRANTS

Uihlein Career Fund Grants are typically designated to assist with musical, dramatic, vocal, and language preparation for auditions, young artist programs, and professional engagements. However, other career related expenses may be considered at the discretion of the board of directors.

Eligibility

Assistance is available for a three-year period after being named a Finalist in the Patricia Crump Vocal Competition. Grand Prize Winners must wait for a year from the competition date to apply, Encouragement Winners must wait six months from the competition date to apply. Once a singer attains management they are no longer eligible.

Application Procedure

1. The SOS Grants Committee meets at specified times during the year to consider applications.
 - a. Before being considered, artists must complete the application, indicate the specific need(s) for which the funds are being requested, and include a proposed budget with specific known costs.
 - b. Application deadlines are March 15th, June 15th, and October 15th.
 - c. Grant applications must be RECEIVED in an email format by the deadline.
 - d. Career Fund assistance is not automatically granted. Singers must provide evidence of growth and development since their last application or audition.
2. Grants are typically approved/denied within a few weeks of the specified deadlines. The Committee may, in its discretion, act outside the specified time frame to consider unexpected opportunities, such as immediate travel to an audition or competition, for which the artist could not have planned in advance. The SOS Grants Committee may recommend such urgent requests for immediate funding. Please see *Emergency Career Grants* on the next page.
3. SOS will only accept applications via email. Applications must include; the completed application form and a current resume (including upcoming engagements).
4. SOS Career Fund Grant application forms may be downloaded, in a PDF or Word document, from SOS's Website: www.supportersofoperasingers.org
5. SOS will inform the applicants of the decision a few weeks after the application deadline.

6. If, for any reason, an applicant is not able to use granted funds for the original grant request, the applicant must return the grant to Supporters of Opera Singers, and then submit a new application if a need exists.
7. In January of every year, a 1099-MISC will be sent to all recipients who have been awarded education grants which exceed the payment threshold for that particular year, currently \$600.
8. If recipients wish, they may send a thank you letter to the Board of Directors.

Requirements

No later than one (1) month following use of a grant, and prior to any subsequent grant request, all recipients are required to complete the SOS Grant Usage Report (which can be downloaded online). This report must include a short written statement describing the experience and how the grant advanced your career, as well as a comparison between the estimated expenses in the budget submitted with the application and the expenses actually incurred. Please include receipts for expenses. Please note: additional grant requests will not be considered without the submission of a timely Usage Report with receipts confirming that the grant was used for the approved purpose(s).

Emergency Career Grants

Artists may apply for Emergency Career Fund Grants if they are made aware of important career-building opportunities, but timing makes it impossible to apply and qualify within normal deadlines. Applications must be accompanied by documentation from an outside source which shows the requests are, indeed, emergencies.

For More Information

Please call Kathy Pyeatt at (414) 881-8766 or email us at: info@supportersofoperasingers.org

Before Submission, please make sure:

1. You have completed the application form in its entirety.
2. You have submitted usage reports for previous grants.
3. You have provided a detailed breakdown of costs.



UIHLEIN CAREER FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Legal Name		Voice Type	
**If grant is awarded, send check to (address):		City	State
		Zip	
Daytime Telephone	Email	Website	
Were you a finalist of the Patricia Crump Vocal Competition?	Year(s) you participated and the amount received:		
Amount of Grant Requested \$	Please list your ties to Wisconsin:		
Purpose for funds requested and relation to career advancement:			
(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary)			
BUDGET: Please specify as precise a cost as possible for each item in this proposal, such as travel, coaching, lessons.			
ITEM	ANTICIPATED COST		
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary)			

Please list awards and other support available to you for this project	
What other sources have you contacted for funds?	
How do you envision your career proceeding, and how does this grant application relate to your future?	
(Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if necessary)	
If you were to receive a grant in an amount less than what you are requesting, would you still be able to complete the proposed project? Explain.	
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

Please email this form and your current resume (including upcoming engagements) to:

Kathy Pyeatt, President, Supporters of Opera Singers:

kathy@supportersofoperasingers.org

***EMERGENCY CAREER GRANT REQUEST? Yes ___ NO ___