

YOUTH EXPERIENCE FUNDING

Scholarship Program

Cost is often a barrier to participation for many young people who would like to come to an AHS National Conference. Participants in the Honors Ensemble and Create, Collaborate, Arpeggiate! Ensemble (see details of each below) will also need to bring their own harp and if under the age of 18 they will need an accompanying parent or guardian.

The Scholarship Program will be administered by a Program Director who will:

- a. Gather information about each participant's situation and funding need;
- b. Evaluate student requirements against the program budget and propose accommodating funding;
- c. Distribute reimbursement for expenses incurred by the student.

The following budgeted expenses tables represent maximum funding possible for each student. It is likely that some students will require minimal travel reimbursement, an accompanying parent or guardian may be responsible for more than one student, etc. Every effort will be made to extend appropriate scholarship support to as many youth as possible.

Maximum Budgeted Expenses - Southeast Region Student

Description	Amount
Registration	\$100
AHS Student Membership	\$ 40
Dorm Housing (3@\$45)	\$180
Travel/Cartage	\$250
Accompanying Adult Registration	\$100
Accompanying Adult Dorm Housing (3@\$45)	\$180
Total	\$850

Budgeted Expenses - Ambassadors

Description	Amount
Registration	\$100
Dorm Housing (3@\$45)	\$180
Travel/Cartage	\$500
Accompanying Adult Registration	\$100
Accompanying Adult Dorm Housing (3@\$45)	\$180
Total	\$1,060

Maximum Scholarship Program Budget

Description	Amount
Southeast Regional Participants (30@\$850)	\$25,500
Ambassadors From Other Regions (10*\$1,060)	\$10,600
Total	\$36,100

Spotlight on Youth Concert

June 30, 2016 8:00PM

Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts

The opening concert of the 2016 National Conference (which typically presents a solo harpist) will feature a student Honors Harp Ensemble performing with recognized artists. Bridget Kibbey (classical harpist), Park Stickney (jazz harpist) and local soprano Indra Thomas will perform alone and then with the student ensemble. The rehearsals and concert will be lead by Joseph Young, Assistant Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony.

The Honors Harp Ensemble will be made up of 30-40 students, age 22 and under, primarily from Georgia, including students from Atlanta's Urban Youth Harp Ensemble and throughout the southeast, but ambassadors from similar harp programs around the country will also be invited to participate. Students will be required to apply and demonstrate skill via a recorded qualification audition.

Coaching and Concert Experience Investment

Budgeted Expenses

Description	Amount
Artist Fee - Indra Thomas, soprano	\$6,000
Artist Fee - Joseph Young, conductor	\$1,000
Travel - Park Stickney	\$1,700
Travel - Bridgett Kibbey	\$1,000
Total	\$9,700

Create, Collaborate, Arpeggiate!

Young students ages 6 – 14 have the opportunity to participate in a unique ensemble experience during the conference. Renowned teachers Kela Walton, Julia Kay Jamieson, Catherine Case, and Jacqueline Venter, will lead ensemble rehearsals on Friday and Saturday mornings. Students will give a culminating concert on Sunday morning for all to attend. There is no fee to participate beyond Conference registration and a small music purchase.

Master Classes

Renown teachers Susann McDonald, Naoko Yoshino, Laura Sherman and Remy van Kesteren are offering master classes during the National Conference. Student fees are \$50 per accepted participant, and may be underwritten as a scholarship.

Workshops & Concerts

All workshop presenters are AHS members and offer their services at no charge as their contribution to their professional community. All workshops and concerts are included with Conference registration.