



**MUSIC CLUB AUSTIN
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

**AFFILIATE, TEXAS FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS AND
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS**

FIELDER CAREER ADVANCEMENT GRANT

2024-2025 APPLICATION

To be eligible for the Music Club Austin Fielder Career Advancement Grant, **the applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident between the ages of 22 and 32** (as of November 1, 2024), fully prepared for a professional vocal career, and not under professional management. An mp3, mp4 or wav file of the applicant's voice must include three selections of contrasting styles and languages. Two recommendations must be provided. The non-refundable application fee is \$35.00. Application materials will not be returned. Application postmark deadline is November 15, 2024.

Name _____ Age (as of 11-1-24) _____

Date of Birth _____ Address _____

_____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____ Voice Classification _____

Current Voice Teacher/Coach _____

Higher Education	School	Degree	Date
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1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Applicant's three musical selections must 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 they must be **accompanied by piano only, not orchestra**. One selection must be in English, and one must be an opera aria in a foreign language.

File Selections	Title	Category	Composer	Key	Length
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1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Brief applicant statement describing how the grant money will further career goals:

Professional recommendations must be from an opera director, coach, teacher, or conductor. Recommendations from a family member will not be accepted.

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

In addition to this application form, please include the following:

- Current resumé which includes performance history, previous awards and honors, biographical information, and career goals
- List of anticipated auditions with estimated expenses
- Two signed recommendations which may be e-mailed to mcavocalgrants@gmail.com
- Repertoire MUST be an mp3/mp4 or wav file. Only a continuous performance of the entire work is allowed; no editing, speaking or studio-produced effects
- 8" X 10" publicity photo
- \$35.00 check payable to the Music Club Austin (non-refundable)

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Electronic submission of all material is preferred (mcavocalgrants@gmail.com) with the exception of the \$35 check to Music Club Austin which should be mailed to:

Susan Ashworth, 2910 Hatley Drive, Rollingwood, TX 78746 Phone: 512-921-9782
E-mail: mcavocalgrants@gmail.com
MUSIC CLUB AUSTIN website: www.musicclubaustin.org

Applications must be postmarked by November 15, 2024.

Finalists will be notified via e-mail on or about January 15, 2025. Finalists will be required to appear in Austin on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 for live auditions and provide proof of US citizenship and Texas residency. Final selection of winners will be made at that time. Total grant money up to \$12,000 may be awarded. Winners will be asked to report at a later date on how the grant money was used.

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____