



2019 Cooper-Bing Encouragement Award

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) All applicants must be between 17-22 years of age on May 5, 2019.
- 2) Past applicants (except those who have exceeded the age limit) may re-enter as new applicants. However, former first place winners are no longer eligible to compete.
- 3) Present or former singers on the Opera Columbus mainstage roster and current full-time employees of the Opera Columbus staff are ineligible to audition.

Application package must include:

- Completed application form
- A copy of your birth certificate or driver's license
- Letter of nomination from a member of the faculty of your high school or college/university.
- Application fee of \$25: Check or Money Order made out to Opera Columbus
- Audio CD containing two operatic/musical selections
 - Your recording should include two contrasting pieces which best show your abilities. Applicants may include no more than one piece translated from the original language, and only if it is a piece that is commonly sung in translation. **All selections must include accompaniment.** DO NOT include additional selections or video recordings. Label the CD with your name, selections, and competition year (2019).

The postmark deadline for applications is **MARCH 18, 2019**.

All application materials must arrive in the same envelope. INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please make a copy of your application form for your records.

Mail completed application package (postmarked no later than **MARCH 18, 2019**) to:

Opera Columbus Encouragement Award
Attn: Destiny Coleman
55 E. State Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Prize

The winner will be awarded **\$500** and invited to sing at The Cooper-Bing Competition Finals on May 5, 2019 at the Southern Theatre in downtown Columbus.

Questions? Email cooperbing@operacolumbus.org or call 614-384-5636.

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APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

List the works on your CD:

SELECTION 1:

Recit/Title: _____

Opera/Musical: _____

Composer: _____

Language: _____

SELECTION 2:

Recit/Title: _____

Opera/Musical: _____

Composer: _____

Language: _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am currently enrolled as a student at a high school or college/university, I have never been a past winner of the Cooper-Bing Encouragement Award, and will be between the ages of 17 and 22 on May 5, 2019.

Signature: _____

Date: _____