

**MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO BUSINESS AND  
PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.**

**To:** Club Presidents  
**From:** Darnell Crewe Wise Lightbourn  
District Vocal Arts Chairperson  
**Date:** April 2, 2016  
**RE:** NANBPWC Vocal Arts Competition For Emerging Artists (District Level)

The Vocal Arts Competition for the Mid-Atlantic District will be held at the 51st Annual Conference on Thursday evening, June 23, 2016 at the Claridge Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In order to make our Vocal Arts Program a success, we need the full cooperation and participation from all clubs.

The requirements, application and repertoire to be performed are included in this memo. We are asking every club to sponsor a contestant. Please note that if you do not sponsor a contestant, you still must send the \$50.00 application fee to National.

To cover the Mid-Atlantic District's cost of sponsoring a Vocal Arts Competition, every person in your club's membership is asked to solicit patrons and supporters for our program booklet. Enclosed is a Patron List, please duplicate as needed and return to me by May 15, 2016 for printing.

**GUIDELINES FOR DISTRICT COMPETITION**

The application and application fee of \$50.00 should be sent directly to National. Make your check pay to National. The following is at District Level and must be submitted to me. I will forward the necessary information to National after the Vocal Arts Competition has been held at District.

- Copy of application and application fee you sent to National (*proof to participate*)
- Proof of age (18-25)
- Recent 4"x 6" black and white glossy photograph
- Personal profile of no more than two paragraphs
- Recommendation from the current vocal teacher/coach
- Copy of Repertoire Sheet, including copies of music as identified on Repertoire Sheet for the three judges and the accompanist
- Local club sponsoring a contestant must determine their financial responsibility, if any, for transportation and/or lodging. The District is only responsible for transportation and lodging for the winner to the National Convention.

**Mid-Atlantic District Awards -**

- 1st Place - \$500 Award (*Additional \$500 is for travel/lodging to the Convention*)
- 2nd Place - \$300 Award
- 3rd Place - \$200 Award
- Runner Ups - \$50 for Participation
- Certificates of Participation to all Contestants

**Please Note - Return Materials by May 15, 2016 to:**

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Cc: Delores Alexander, Governor  
Vanessa Thomas, Vice Governor