


Bradford Scholarships For Festival/Conference '11

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2011

It is not too early for choirs to decide whether or not to attend the upcoming Festival/Conference 2011 at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and begin to make plans to participate. To assist choirs who are considering attending for the first time, Area I has a scholarship program to help make that decision easier. The Bradford Scholarship provides partial financial support specifically for choirs who are making their first trip to this major area event.

The criteria for the scholarship define a choir as a performing group of 7 or more ringers. The choir

director or group must be an active member of AGEHR Area I. The fact that the director or a single member of a choir has attended a Festival/Conference will not preclude eligibility. Preference will be shown to choirs having at least 75% of its members planning on attending the 2011 Festival/Conference.

Established in honor of Elizabeth Bradford, the scholarship is dedicated to furthering the musicality of our art form and the camaraderie engendered whenever more than 700 handbell ringers gather together. 

Join NER this holiday season as they continue the celebration of their 10th year as an ensemble!!



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Upcoming Concerts

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| Sunday, Nov. 21
Time TBD | First Congregational Church UCC
355 Main Street • Oxford, MA |
| Sunday, Nov. 28
4:00 p.m. | Rogers Center for the Arts
The Rogers Center for the Arts at
Merrimack College • North Andover, MA |
| Saturday, Dec. 4
4:30 p.m. | First Church of Christ, Congregational
2183 Main Street • Glastonbury, CT |
| Sunday, Dec. 5
4:30 p.m. | The United Church of Christ in Devon
30 Ormond Street • Milford, CT |
| Saturday, Dec. 11
4:30 p.m. | HumanArts Series – Assumption College
500 Salisbury Street • Worcester, MA |
| Sunday, Dec. 12
4:30 p.m. | United Church in Walpole
30 Common Street • Walpole, MA |
| Saturday, Dec. 18
7:00 p.m. | First Congregational Church of Newfane
11 Church Street • Newfane, VT |

New England Ringers is always seeking skilled ringers with a high level of musicianship and a love of performing. Rehearsals take place every other Sunday in Greenfield, MA, from 2:00 to 5:30 PM, September through June; NER performs about a dozen times per year, mostly in New England. If you are interested in exploring the possibilities of joining NER as a regular ringer and can commit to our rehearsal and performance schedules, or if you would like to be considered as a substitute ringer, please send an e-mail to info@newenglandringers.org or contact the director, Ed Henderson, at 978-851-3024.

Would your organization like to present an NER concert or host an NER-led skill building workshop? Contact us at info@newenglandringers.org, or call 978-851-3024. Host venues are currently being sought for the 2010 Holiday and 2011 Spring and Holiday seasons.

AGEHR, Area I, Inc.

The Bradford Scholarship **CHOIR** *Application*

Festival/Conference '11 • University of Massachusetts, Amherst

INSTRUCTIONS for CHOIR APPLICATION:

AGEHR, Area I, Inc. established the Elizabeth Bradford Endowment Fund to provide scholarship assistance to encourage choirs to attend their first AGEHR Area I Festival/Conference. In non-Festival years we also grant scholarships to directors to encourage them to attend their first national educational event. We hope that attending these types of events helps ringers and directors to develop their handbell skills and helps them to become more active in the guild. Only the income from the endowment is used for scholarships, but this is usually enough to provide partial registration assistance for several choirs/directors to attend F/C.

Choir Scholarships for AGEHR Area I Festival/Conference are available to Area I handbell choirs who are attending their first AGEHR Area I Festival/Conference. *Please be aware that the scholarship awarded will only pay a portion of the registration fee for Festival.*

1. A choir will be defined as a *performing group of 7 or more ringers.*
2. Preference will be given to those *choirs having at least 75% of their members planning to attend the Festival/Conference.*
3. Prior attendance by a director or a single member of a choir will not preclude eligibility for this scholarship.
4. The choir must be a *member in good standing* in Area I.
5. You must *fill out a registration form for Festival in its entirety and pay a \$100 deposit per person* prior to the Festival's early bird deadline.

Director's Name _____ Number of years directing this choir _____

Group Name _____

Address1 _____ Address2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

AGEHR Member Number _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Number of ringers in choir? _____ Number planning to attend the Festival/Conference? _____

Have you ever attended an Area I Festival/Conference? Yes No

Have you ever attended any other Area or National events? Yes No

How many of your ringers have attended Area Festival/Conference before? _____

AGEHR, Area I, Inc.—The Bradford Scholarship Choir Application (continued)

The scholarship will only cover part of the registration fees for your choir.

How are you planning on funding the rest of the cost of the attendance? _____

We would like to know a little bit about your handbell program.

How long has your handbell choir been in existence? _____

Why does your choir want to attend Festival/Conference? _____

What are your expectations for attending the conference? _____

*Applications must be postmarked by February 15, 2011.
You will be notified by March 15 of our decision.*

Applications for scholarship should be sent to the address indicated below. Your Festival registration should still be sent to the Festival registrar. You must fill out the entire Festival registration form prior to the Early Bird deadline for all ringers who plan on attending, indicating on the form that you are applying for a scholarship and sending in a deposit of \$100 per person instead of the entire registration fee. After you have been notified about our scholarship decision you will be expected to pay any remaining balance of your registration fees.

Awards will be distributed on a per ringer basis. For example, if you receive an award of \$100 per person and you have 10 people attending, then you will receive \$1,000 off your total registration fee. If any of your ringers withdraws their registration, your total scholarship will be reduced by the amount for one ringer unless another ringer takes their place.

Please mail this application by February 15, 2011 to:
Sue Henderson, Bradford Scholarship Chair
135 Green Meadow Drive
Tewksbury, MA 01876

For questions, please contact the scholarship chair, Sue Henderson, at scholarship@agehrarea1.org