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About the Charles Ray Considine Memorial Scholarship

A time of great challenges produces great men and women who rise to the demands before them. The Charles Ray Considine Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of a great man who rose to the challenges of the Second World War and continued to surpass these achievements for the rest of his life.

Charles Ray Considine (1918-2010) was a native Minnesotan and a graduate of the University of California-Berkeley. His many notable achievements include running a Kaiser shipyard during the Second World War, founding San Diego's largest independent accounting firm, and being a beloved father, grandfather, and father figure for dozens. Despite all of the professional and personal demands of his life, however, he cultivated a lifelong passion for opera and ballet.

The Charles Ray Considine Memorial Scholarship is awarded biannually to a college-bound high school senior pursuing advanced studies in classical voice. It is designed specifically to support vocal studies irrespective of the winner's major field of study, in keeping with Charles Ray Considine's belief that a love of music and a passion for performing are great complements to entrepreneurship. Only residents of the state of Minnesota are eligible for this scholarship.

Applicants for this scholarship submit two letters of recommendation (one from their voice teacher, one from a music industry-professional) and a recording of three pieces from the classical voice repertoire (at least one of which must be an operatic aria). These submissions are reviewed by a trained panel of judges and evaluated based on technical expertise, dramatic interpretation, and artistic promise. Eight finalists will be selected for a live, juried competition from which a competition winner and awardee are selected.

