



On Fri, Feb 4, 2022 at 1:25 PM Steve Scott <[sscott@barbershop.org](mailto:sscott@barbershop.org)> wrote:  
Greetings, Jeff-

I hope this email finds you well. It's been a crazy few years in barbershopland. For us who work in barbershop education, we are coming off two years of Virtual Harmony Universities that, while successful in their own right, just can't replace the in-person experience. So, as the new Director of Harmony University, we are so glad to have HU back in 2022, this year on the beautiful Loyola University campus in New Orleans!

Over the last 10 years, we've grown our scholarship offerings significantly, with many scholarships designated to support chorus directors and chapter leaders. While this is something we've grown incredibly proud of, we are struggling to continue such generosity in 2022 due to various pandemic-related issues. We're reaching out to our district leaders to see if you can help us transcend this unfortunate hurdle and continue the essential development of our chorus leadership during such formidable times.

I'm writing to you today to invite you to accept a challenge I'm issuing to all district presidents, that is to provide scholarships for **five** chorus directors and **three** chapter/district leaders from Illinois to attend HU 2022. The individuals whom you select will receive the finest in barbershop education. The directors will learn conducting and rehearsal techniques from such instructors as Dr. Don Campbell, Kirk Young, Justin Miller, Joe Cerutti, Dr. Jay Dougherty, Deke Sharon, and more. Your current and future leaders will learn from the incredible Leadership Operations Project Team as well as many others. Further, HU 2022 is more streamlined than in the past and allows for attendees to customize their own experience, giving them more value for their registration.

I'm aware of your regional education experiences such as HCMW, which I know to be excellent. Certainly good training for both directors and leaders happens every year in Illinois, and you are to be commended for its continued success.

HU, however, is a different animal. The scope and scale of the week-long education at HU is without peer. What really sets HU apart from other education events is its immersiveness. The experience is, as you may know, life changing for the individual but also for the chapter who benefits from the HU attendee who is eager to share their new knowledge with their chorusmates. Scholarship recipients from Illinois will have the opportunity to choose from hundreds of classes and electives and lessons taught by a faculty that is world class and includes some of the finest educators, leaders, and barbershop legends around for an entire week. Your district members can also network with other barbershoppers from all over the world who might be facing similar challenges in their own chapters and choruses, who can then workshop, find common ground, and solutionize together.



The cost per scholarship is \$825, which includes room and board plus access to all shows, classes, and events during HU. We typically ask scholarship recipients to pitch in \$50 so they have a little skin in the game too. I would like to sit down and have a call about this opportunity for your district members. I'd like to invite Joe Cerutti (cced here) to join us and anyone else from your board on the call.

Please take a moment to consider the impact that this will have on your district beyond the training that these attendees will receive. Certainly acting in this public way will be a huge opportunity for you to rearticulate the value exchange you have with your district members. I look forward to discussing this opportunity with you. Can we set up a time to chat next week?

Best,  
Steve



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