

The Purpose and Importance of PAPAS Fundraising Efforts

The Peoria Area Performing Arts has 2 competitive show choirs: Vocal Velocity (Middle School) and Soundwave (High School.) These two groups will compete in 6 - 7 competitions this season. In the past, our groups have won awards such as "Best Vocals", "Best Choreography", "Best Costuming", "Grand Champion" as well as countless "Best Soloist" and "Best Performer" captions. The performing arts holds such an important educational opportunity for our students. With that said, the performing arts also holds many hidden expenses. As we build our program and enhance opportunities for our PAPAS students, we strive to keep our tuition and fees at a stable rate. This makes it possible for a large population of students who can participate. We do provide need-based scholarships to students who cannot afford this tuition. We fundraise to help provide these scholarships as well as build our equipment and rehearsal facilities in order to be competitive at a high level throughout our competition season. The groups we are competing with have budgets that are 4 times the size of ours, and our students continue to perform well in spite of this! Below are the items that we are working toward in our Fundraising season. Every little bit helps! I was so impressed and encouraged that our Soundwave students raised \$600 towards a bus for their trip to Cincinnati through a student-organized car wash. These students showed great initiative and work ethic! Our PAPAS students and families are incredible and we are so fortunate to have such dedication in our community and studio. We realize how amazing our families are. In exchange for business sponsorships, businesses will receive advertising at our various shows and on our shirts, depending upon the sponsorship level. There will even be a new opportunity to sponsor at a level where a business can get their name on our PAPAS trailer for advertisement.

Sincerely,
Dedra Kaiser, Director

PAPAS COMPETITION GROUP FUNDRAISING ITEMS

Music Arranging/Rights	\$11,000
<i>We legally perform and arrange our music! This money goes towards our arrangers and the rights to legally arrange and perform our music. Our music fee goes towards this cost and covers a part of it.</i>	
Competition Entry Fees	\$5000
<i>Our Competition fee goes toward this expense.</i>	
Set	\$3000
<i>We are striving to add a set to our Soundwave show this year! We have some great ideas, but the money from fees is already going towards the music arranging rights and competition entry fees.</i>	
Band	\$15,000
<i>We are fortunate to have a live band of wonderful musicians that travels with us for each competition for Vocal Velocity & Soundwave. These great guys have been with us for</i>	

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several years now! Our music fee/competition fee goes toward this cost, but does fall short each year.

Sound system	\$5000
<i>We plan on slowly adding quality microphones. We are hoping to purchase area choral microphones to use for our concerts and musical theater to enhance our group singing.</i>	
Lighting	\$3000
<i>Lighting would be used for our competition groups as well as our theater productions.</i>	
Costumes (<i>outside of student costume fee</i>)	\$4000+
<i>Our costume fee covers most of the costumes. But each year, they cost approximately \$50 more per person than what the fee brings in.</i>	
Theater Rental for rehearsals	\$5000
<i>We are fortunate to have a great rehearsal space in Peoria. Unfortunately, it is very small which makes it difficult to step back and see blocking. It also makes it difficult to hear the balance between instruments and voices. We hope to rehearse 3 times/month in a theater during Feb. & March. This will allow us to practice our set-up/tear-down in the competition allowed time as well as fix blocking issues each week and work on the balance with our band. \$5000 would allow us 6 rehearsals during competition season.</i>	
Clinicians	\$3000
<i>We love having experienced clinicians come work with us! This year, we will have Robert Allen from Clinton "Attache" (the top show choir in the nation for the past 17 years) work with us, as well as Hersel Cremeans and Sharon Reed. Students learn so much from having these experienced teachers come in during competition season</i>	
Bus	\$7000
<i>A goal for our High School students this year is to take a charter bus to their final 2 competition.</i>	
Mirrors	\$3000
<i>We recently added a new rehearsal room that will be used for our Children's theater, younger show choirs and as additional sectional rehearsal space for Vocal Velocity & Soundwave. We added a dance floor last year and hope to add mirrors this year.</i>	
Scholarships	\$22,000