The Norfolk Chamber Consort
The 2026 Lisa Relaford Coston Voice Competition

Conditions:

- The Lisa Relaford Coston Voice Competition is designated for an aspiring singer from the state of Virginia to pursue a voice major at a higher education institution.

- At the time of the scholarship competition audition, a potential candidate must be, regardless of age, a graduating high school senior accepted to a higher education institution or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior.

- The 2026 competition will take place at the Chapel of Freemason Street Baptist Church on 400 E Freemason St. in Norfolk, VA, on Saturday, April 25, 2026, starting at 12 P.M.

- The 2026 judge is: Robynne Redmon, a distinguished mezzo soprano who has graced the world's greatest stages, including Metropolitan Opera, Chicago Lyric Opera and La Scala.

- One winner and a runner-up will be selected

- The winner will receive a monetary award of $2,000 and a performance opportunity with the Norfolk Chamber Consort during the concert the same day alongside Ms. Redmon on April 25, at 5 PM.

- The runner-up will receive a monetary award of $800 and a performance opportunity with the Norfolk Chamber Consort during the concert the same day alongside Ms. Redmon on April 25, at 5 PM.

- Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of a Lisa Relaford Coston CD.

- The repertoire for the audition should consist of two or three stylistically contrasting works, with a total duration of no more than 12 minutes. All works have to be performed from memory.

- An accompanist will be provided free of charge, unless a participant chooses to bring his/her own accompanist. In the former case the music must be scanned and emailed by the deadline.

- Current students of the 2026 judge are ineligible for participation.

After your application is received, you will be contacted with an audition time slot.

To apply, please fill out this application form and email it norfolkchamber@gmail.com no later than April 20, 2026. After your application is received, you will be contacted with an audition time slot.

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Name _____ Address _____
(Please print)
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____/_____
Home Cell
Email: _____ Date of birth_____

College or University you are currently enrolled in or will be enrolled in Fall 2026:_____

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Classification: ☐ High school senior ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior Declared major: _____

_____/_____
Current voice teacher Phone number

Will use (check one): ☐ an accompanist provided by the competition ☐ my own accompanist

Audition repertoire:

1. _____
Title Composer Duration

2. _____
Title Composer Duration

3. _____
Title Composer Duration

_____/_____
Signature of the participant Date

For further questions, please , please , please feel free to contact Scholarship Competition Chairman, Dr. Andrey Kasparov, Tel. 757-785-7086; email: akasparo@odu.edu

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