

SGC MEMBERSHIP COSTS
Effective: 1/1/09

Each membership application must be accompanied by a check payable to the Barbershop Harmony Society (BHS) or a major credit card number. This covers the first year's dues and fees plus a \$10 processing fee as shown below and on the BHS application form. There are several payment plans and options, which are explained on separate sheets. BHS members who are *Transfers from other chapters* should make checks for all applicable dues payable to the Western Hills Chapter.

Amount for New Members (first time in the BHS):
(Payable to the Barbershop Harmony Society)

| | <u>ADULT (age 26 and older)</u> | <u>YOUTH 1 (under 26)</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Society Dues | \$97.00 | \$0 |
| District Dues | \$25.00 | \$0 |
| Chapter Dues | \$80.00 | \$50.00 (Uniform maint. fee only) |
| Processing Fee | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| TOTAL | \$212.00 | \$60.00 |

New Members: a separate one-time \$50 New Member Uniform Issue Fee (not included in your payment to the BHS) is used to cover the cost of purchasing new uniform items and sizing other items. For more details, see Uniforms below.

Amount for BHS/Western Hills Chapter membership renewal:
(Payable to the Barbershop Harmony Society)

| | <u>ADULT</u> | <u>YOUTH 2 (under 26)</u> | <u>SENIOR (70 & Older) *</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Society Dues | \$97.00 | \$48.50 | \$48.50 |
| District Dues | \$25.00 | \$12.50 | \$12.50 |
| Chapter Dues/Fees | \$80.00 | \$65.00 | \$65.00 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| TOTAL | \$202.00 | \$126.00 | \$126.00 |

* Applies only to *renewals* for men 70 and older with 10 consecutive years of Society membership. Members with 50 or more years of continuous membership pay no BHS or District dues.

Note: \$50 of the \$80 *annual* Chapter dues shown above is an *annual* Uniform Maintenance Fee for cleaning and repairs. This fee is tax deductible if you itemize on your Federal Tax return.

Life membership in the BHS: 20 times the regular annual dues.

Associate membership: For women who desire "insider" status within the BHS. See the BHS website for details and benefits.

Performance Readiness

Once you have learned the current chorus repertoire, the Music and Performance Team will assess your vocal and visual "performance readiness" and help you decide when you are ready to perform with the chorus on the risers for public performances. At that time you will need a chorus uniform, which will be issued by the Uniform Coordinator (Bette Ramsey).

Uniforms:

Uniform parts will be issued to new chorus members upon receipt of the following forms, which can be obtained from the VP of Chapter Development:

- Authority to Issue Chorus Costumes
- Individual Measurements
- Uniform Policy Agreement



Bette Ramsey

New Member Uniform Issue Fee: This one-time \$50 fee must be paid BEFORE any items are given out. *Make your check payable to the Western Hills Chapter.*

CURRENT STANDARD ISSUE (without charge). These are chorus-owned items.

These are issued or assigned to the member, who is responsible for maintenance only – dry cleaning, laundering, pressing, and any alterations necessitated by change in member's measurements.

- Tuxedo trousers
 - Lime green and black long-sleeve shirts and ties
 - 2 Cufflinks (black)
 - 2 Cufflinks (gem)
 - 4 black shirt studs
 - Navy casual shirt
 - Yellow casual shirt
 - Black cummerbund (for some members as needed)
 - Khaki Slacks
 - Khaki Web Belt
- issued if available
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Items "issued" but stored at Harmony Lodge and transported in SGC uniform boxes

- Green sequined jacket
- Reversible Vest (Black-Green)

- White Sequined Vest
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Additional Costs: These become member-owned items.

- Black Patent Shoes \$69 (See Bette re availability of used shoes)
- Make Up Kit \$42
- Black suspenders \$7
- "Dirty Bucks" Shoes Purchased by member
(Other similar shoes may be used with the approval of the
Costume Team.)

NOTE: All member-owned uniform costs are tax deductible, if you itemize.

Summary of Total First Year Costs:

New Member:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dues and fees | \$212.00 (Adult) | \$60.00 (Youth) |
| New Member Uniform Issue Fee | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| <u>Uniform parts:</u> | <u>\$118.00 (approx.)</u> | <u>\$118.00 (approx.)</u> |
| Total | \$380.00 | \$228.00 |

Summary of Total Annual Costs:

Membership *Renewal:*

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|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Dues and fees | \$202.00 (Adult) | \$126.00 (Youth) | \$126.00 (Senior) |
| (Includes annual Uniform Maintenance Fee) | | | |