



The Arranger Certification Program (ACP) is an educational program designed to provide additional training and further develop skills for Sweet Adelines International potential arrangers, as well as directors, quartet members and musical leaders who would like a better understanding of how to analyze and arrange music in the barbershop style. The program is broken into three skill levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. It provides opportunities to develop and validate the skills and knowledge required to evaluate and create arrangements for barbershop singers.

General ACP Program*	Advanced ACP Scholarship Program**
Cost of Program: \$100	Application Fee: \$100
Materials: \$65	Scholarship Award: \$1,500
Length of Program: Self-paced; no expiration	Length of Program: Up to 2 years
Eligibility Requirements: Open to all	Eligibility Requirements: Sweet Adelines members

Level	Description
Beginner	This level consists of self-study with testing based on the current SA Arranger’s Guide and supplemental materials to be provided by the program. The format of the ACP Beginner Level program closely mirrors the format of the Director Certification Program (DCP) with testing conducted in-Region. Beginners will register with HQ, pay a registration fee, conduct self-study on nine study modules and begin taking exams at their own pace. Participants who successfully complete the Beginner level will receive a Certificate of Completion.
Intermediate	This level will consist of small group (cohort) study with facilitation, using online meeting technology. It will be a practical module with arrangement analysis assignments and hands-on arranging of one or more common vehicles. The Intermediate level will be managed by the ACP using Certified Music Arrangers (CMA) and Master Music Arrangers (MMA) as faculty. Registration will be required. Completion of beginner fundamentals is a prerequisite, but a “challenge” has been designed for those wishing to bypass the beginner level. Participants who successfully complete the Intermediate level will earn the title of Approved Arranger.
Advanced	The format of the ACP Advanced Level program closely mirrors the format of the former IMAP program. ACP Scholarship funding will be provided by SA for a period of up to two years to qualified individuals. Individual mentoring will be provided by a CMA or MMA. Candidates will have the opportunity to apply for advancement to CMA status upon successful completion of their scholarship.

### BEGINNER LEVEL MODULES

- Module 1 - Music Theory
- Module 2 - The Music Category
- Module 3 - Voicings and Overtone Patterns
- Module 4 – Harmonization

- Module 5 – Starting to Arrange
- Module 6 – Voice Leading
- Module 7 - Embellishments
- Module 8 – Arrangement Analysis
- Module 9 – Copyright Law

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