



Northeastern District (NED)

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement
of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.

"The Barbershop Harmony Society"



DESCRIPTION and INSTRUCTIONS

NED's Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony Degree

A few years ago someone in the Society thought there should be some form of recognition for those Barbershoppers who have dedicated their time and effort to helping themselves and others in our Society to increase their knowledge of their craft by becoming involved in the many disciplines of this great hobby, increasing their expertise and their enjoyment, to become better members and, in short, making this a better place for all of us to spend our leisure time, while providing others who are not members, the opportunity to avail themselves of the entertainment and enjoyment we can provide.

Thus was born the Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony program and its associated recognition in the form of an honorary award called the "Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony Degree". The program, although being participated in by many of our seventeen Districts throughout the Society, is not administered by the Society, but by each individual District. Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony programs in all Districts are very close to the same, but they are not identical. However, they are so close that Barbershoppers throughout the Society recognize the program, and recognize and respect the time and effort spent to earn the award derived from it, the Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony degree.

Although official scholastic credits can not be earned, the Northeastern District has been participating in the program for a number of years, and many of our members have earned the Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony degree. They have been, and many continue to be, dedicated volunteers in the quest for greater quality and enjoyment in this fine art form.

It works this way. A member who achieves a prescribed level of accomplishment and service is eligible to receive the Degree, a certificate suitable for framing, and a lapel badge to wear proudly to any Barbershopping event. A tally of your accomplishments should be completed on a form which you can get from the "documents" section of the NED website. When the total reaches three hundred or more, the form should be signed by your Chapter President, or in the case of Frank Thorne Chapter members, by any District Officer. A current contact list of NED Officers can be found at the new Northeastern District web site (2015): <http://www.NEDistrict.org/contact-us> . See the "Contact•Find" link.

The form. Please mail the completed form to the Northeastern District's Chairman of the Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony Committee.

The payment. Please send \$15 per application -- in US funds, check or money order made payable to "Northeastern District", with the acronym "**BOBH**" in the memo line of the payment -- to cover administrative and postage costs. Mail the payment to the current Northeastern District District Treasurer. Do not include the payment when mailing the form to the Committee!

Certificates and badges will then be ordered and mailed to the appropriate Chapter Presidents or District Officers for presentation at a suitable District or Chapter function.

This is an exciting program for Northeastern District Barbershoppers! I'll bet there are many more NED Barbershoppers who are eligible for this Degree. Fill out the form and forward it as soon as you can. Join the other distinguished NED Barbershoppers who proudly wear the Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony Badge!

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the Bachelor of Barbershop Harmony Chairman whose name and contact info is located on the NED web site [HERE](http://www.nedistrict.org/bachelorofbarbershop/):

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Or navigate to the www.NEDistrict.org "PROGRAMS" group/section.