



Missouri Choral Directors Association

A state organization of the American Choral Directors Association

It is time once again to prepare for the Missouri Choral Director's Association Youth Honor Choirs for singers currently in the 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th and 9th & 10th grade. Any MCDA member with a school, church, community choir, or voice studio may encourage their singers to audition. (MCDA membership must be current as of February 1, 2009)

The three choirs will rehearse and perform in Jefferson City on Wednesday, July 22, 2009. The tentative rehearsal schedule will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. with the concerts beginning that evening at 5:00 for 5/6, 5:45 for 7/8 and 6:30 for the 9/10 choir. Each singer will receive a Missouri Youth Honor Choir T-shirt. We are anticipating fantastic concerts and are excited that the concerts will once again be the kick off for the Summer MCDA Convention!

On the MCDA web site you will find audition information. This information includes 2 forms that need to be filled out (COMPLETELY), audition tape/cd information and a checklist with mailing instructions. **All materials need to be postmarked on or before March 16, 2009** (tapes/cds postmarked after March 16 will not be considered). The sponsoring MCDA member will be contacted via e-mail when the list is posted on the MCDA web site of students chosen to participate in the choirs by April 25th. It will be your responsibility to contact your singers with the results; they will NOT receive an individual letter.

Each singer will be required to have a chaperone (21 or older) with them throughout the event. During the day the students will be provided with lunch, but each singer will be responsible for his or her own supper.

Because MCDA is committed to making the Missouri Youth Honor Choirs accessible to ALL students, scholarship money has been designated to assist those with financial need to cover the expense of the participation fee. Eligibility for the Missouri Free and Reduced Lunch Program will be used to determine eligibility for these scholarships. The principal of the student's school verify eligibility by signing the application form. Please note that there are a limited number of scholarships available. It is possible that some students who are accepted into the Honor Choirs and who are eligible for the scholarships will not receive them because of this limitation.

This has been a great experience in the past and we strongly recommend that you encourage your students to audition.

Please send your audition materials to the appropriate Honor Choir Chair.

5th & 6th Grade Honor Choir

Tresa Jo Wilson
205 Tanner Drive
Wentzville, MO 63385
636-332-2005
314-323-5213
tjwilson_sing4me@yahoo.com

7th & 8th Grade Honor Choir

Christy Elsea
Lebanon Junior High School
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Lebanon, MO 65536
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9th & 10th Grade Honor Choir

Ken Tucker
455 Grandview Oaks Dr
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636-583-8614 (h)
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Sincerely,

Jana Fox
Honor Choir Coordinator
573-636-4868 jfox@jcfumc.org

CD/TAPE RECORDINGS

(Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disqualification)

1. The use of a high-bias standard cassette tape and the best recording equipment you have available is recommended. Cd's may be used if not professionally edited.
2. On the tape/cd clearly mark the applicant's first and last name, grade, the part they are singing, city, and name of the MCDA Sponsoring Director. **DO NOT** give the name of the student or any other spoken information on the recording. Do not send the cassette/cd case.
3. Record the items in the order listed below.
4. Rewind the tape before it is sent.
5. Audition tapes/cds will not be returned.

AUDITION PROCESS

1. **Vocalization:** Sing the top 5 pitches ascending and the bottom 5 pitches descending of the singers range on "Ah" **unaccompanied.**
2. **My Country 'tis of Thee (America):** Starting on the pitches listed below, sing the first verse unaccompanied.
Accompanied singers will be disqualified.

*For *My Country 'tis of Thee* begin on the following pitch for each voice part.

(all choirs) Soprano: A above middle C Alto: E above middle C
(7/8 and 9/10 choirs only) Tenor: A below middle C Baritone: F below middle C

3. **Solo For 7/8 and 9/10 audition:** One to two minutes of a solo (with or without accompaniment) suitable for contest. (Pop music may not be used for the audition and will result in the applicant's disqualification) **(5/6 audition does not include the solo)**

MAILING CHECK LIST

1. Singer application form has been **completely** filled out and is enclosed.
2. Each child auditioning has enclosed a labeled cassette tape/cd. It has been recorded with the correct information, in the correct order and is rewound.
3. One Director's Information Sheet has been completely filled out and has been signed by the choir director. (one for any 5/6 grade applicants; one for any 7/8 grade applicants; one for any 9/10 grade applicants)
4. **One check for the full amount (\$10.00 per applicant) made out to MCDA. (no cash or purchase orders – please)**

ANY SINGER WHO SUBMITS AN INCOMPLETE FORM, CD, OR TAPE NOT RECORDED CORRECTLY AND LABELED PROPERLY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE AUDITION PROCESS. ANY LATE TAPES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, 2009 TO BE ELIGIBLE.

Mail all audition materials in ONE box to:

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MCDA Missouri Youth Honor Choir Singer Application Information Sheet

(Choral directors...Please photocopy this form. Send a separate application form and audition tape for each applicant. No limit is placed on the number of applicants from any single choir. A \$10.00 non-refundable fee must be included for each applicant. Please send one check for the full amount of all applicants. All checks or money orders should be made out to MCDA. DO NOT SEND CASH OR PURCHASE ORDERS.)

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

Application for: (check one) _____ 5/6 Choir _____ 7/8 Choir _____ 9/10 Choir

Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone:() _____ Grade _____

Voice Part: (circle one) Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

Sponsoring MCDA member: _____

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: (Print) _____

Statement of obligation assumed by those selected for the MCDA Missouri Youth Honor Choir:

I have read the entire guidelines and application form and fully understand that selection for the 2009 MCDA Missouri Youth Honor Choir brings with it a significant musical and financial obligation. I understand that as a member of the Honor Choir I must pay a \$30.00 participation fee, furnish, prepare and memorize my music, pay for meals, and provide my own transportation. I will participate in all rehearsals of the Honor Choir and the performance that evening. I further understand that an adult chaperone (over the age of 21) must be responsible for me the entire day. I will be committed to having the music fully prepared according to the instruction mailed with the acceptance letter.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date ___/___/___

Parent's Signature: _____ Date ___/___/___

Character Recommendation:

This singer has demonstrated the outstanding musical ability, attention span, and exemplary behavior necessary to represent his/her choir in the MCDA Honor Choir.

Sponsoring MCDA Member: _____ Date ___/___/___

Please include \$10.00 for each applicant in one check to MCDA