



National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts 2024

Children's Choir Application Instructions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE AUDITION PROCESS THIS YEAR.

The online application contains two sections: parent and director.

(It is important to speak with your choir director/teacher before applying in order to obtain an e-mail address for contact and alert your director/teacher to the process.)

STEP 1 - PARENT PORTION:

While the term "you" generally refers to the student, it is understood that the parent will be assisting their child in the application process.

- Fill out the online application using the link on the choir page of the welsworshipconference.net. PLEASE NOTE: You will need your director's e-mail address to finish the application.
- Once you have completed the form and submitted payment, your director will receive a notification e-mail with a link to the choir director portion.
- Record your mp3 audition and e-mail it to your director. (The director portion of the application cannot be submitted without it.)
- Auditions must be submitted online in mp3 format. Directions are listed below.

STEP 2 – CHOIR DIRECTOR PORTION:

- The director will receive a notification e-mail after the parent submission is complete.
- The director clicks on the e-mail link to the choir director form.
- The director completes the form and uploads the student's mp3 audition.
- Once the director submits the form, the parent will receive notification that the application has been completed.

AUDITION RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS:

- Audition by making an mp3 recording of yourself singing unaccompanied the following items:
 - a scale starting at middle C and ascending as far as you are comfortably able
 - a scale starting at the C one octave above middle C and descending as far as you are comfortably able
 - a stanza of *Christian Worship* (2021) #524, 775, 914, or 925 (Tune: Darwall's 148th)
- Your audition recording must be included with the director portion of the application. The audition must be on one combined track, not separate tracks.
- The director's/parent's voice must not appear or be audible on the recording while student is singing.



- The recording may not be edited; however, you may stop the recording at the end of each completed section. Please leave 2 seconds between recorded sections. A section may be re-recorded if the student makes an error within that section.
- There are many platforms and utilities that you can use to record an mp3. While it is ultimately the parent's responsibility to come up with a recording solution, below are simple instructions for one of the most popular platforms, Apple's GarageBand. For other options, we suggest that you perform a Google search. Or if tech matters are not your strength, ask a friend for help.
- If using GarageBand, record, save, and export your audition as an mp3 using these steps. Any recording enhancements such as adding reverb or using auto-tune are strictly forbidden. Using such techniques may result in the disqualification of your application.
 - Record the three audition elements.
 - In the main GarageBand window, click the Share dropdown menu.
 - Select Export Song to Disk.
 - Select Compress Using MP3 Encoder and leave on High Quality. Do not select highest quality as this will increase file size and upload time.
 - Name and save the mp3 file on your desktop for easy access. Name file in the following format: "Singer's full name, voice part if known: soprano or alto, and Children's Choir), i.e., "John Smith alto Childrens Choir."

**Applications should be submitted by
March 15, 2024, if possible. Earlier applications
are strongly encouraged.**

The early deadline helps conference planners to do additional
recruiting if necessary.

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