

## 2022 TCDA Elementary Honor Choir



Dr. Angela Kasper teaches at Western Washington University where she conducts three choirs and teaches undergraduate courses in choral methods and global vocal traditions. Before this appointment, she was Director of Choral Activities at the University of St. Thomas for 20 years

during which time her choirs performed at national, regional, and state conventions of the American Choral Directors Association. In addition to her university responsibilities, Dr. Kasper presents for national, regional, and state conventions of the ACDA, the National Association for Music Education, the Organization of American Kodály Educators, and the American Orff-Schulwerk Association. This auditioned group will be comprised of approximately 150 students who have completed grades 4, 5, or 6. Students selected to the chorus will be expected to arrive mentally and musically prepared for rehearsals beginning Thursday afternoon, July 21. The 2.5 musical and fun filled days will conclude with a concert performance on Saturday afternoon, July 23, for over 1,000 choral directors, families and guests. This is a once in a lifetime experience for your students, and an incredible opportunity to work with the wonderful master teacher, Angela Kasper.

### COST/EXPENSES

**Choir members will be responsible for all expenses associated with the Elementary Honor Choir.** This includes the audition fee (\$15), and if selected, registration fee (\$75), transportation, hotel & meals while in San Antonio. The \$15 audition fee is **non-refundable, no exceptions.** If selected, it is understood the student is expected to commit to the event. In addition, chaperones will be expected to be near the rehearsal site at all times, and are expected to meet their children for lunch and at the end of the final rehearsal each day. Chaperones are welcome to observe; however, they should not supervise other children during rehearsals. **The non-refundable registration fee of \$75 is due on or before May 5, 2022.** This fee covers organizational expenses, an official TCDA Elementary Honor Choir t-shirt, water bottle, music packet, a backpack and rehearsal recordings.

### NOTIFICATION

The primary form of communication will be email. The names of the students selected for the choir will be announced by April 19 on the TCDA website.

### SCHEDULE

**Thursday, July 21, 2022-** Early afternoon registration & section rehearsals

**Friday, July 22, 2022-** Morning/afternoon rehearsals

**Saturday, July 23, 2022-** Morning rehearsals & early afternoon concert performance. Registration and rehearsals will be held in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Students will be released to parents and chaperones immediately following the concert on Saturday.

### AUDITION & APPLICATION

Current TCDA members may submit as many students as they'd like into this process. Each singer must submit an application, online credit card payment, and audition through our website. **Online auditions will open on February 1. All auditions will be mp3 files and submitted online.** If you wish to pay by check or money order, you may separately submit the non-refundable \$15 application fee, per student, to the address below. **Checks should be made payable to TCDA with the student's full name in the memo line.**

Texas Choral Directors Association  
Elementary Honor Choir 2022  
PO Box 50250 | Austin, Texas 78763

### AUDITION MATERIAL & NEW INFO

Students will sing "My Country tis of Thee." This is located in the audition material portion of this packet. There is no limit to the number of students a director may submit to the Honor Choir. This choir is for students who are currently enrolled in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **\*\*\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*\*\***

- The Elementary Honor Choir will be auditioned in **two parts**, Soprano and Alto.
- **6<sup>th</sup> graders tenors/basses, whose voices have changed, will be able to audition for the MS/JH All-State Choir. They can only audition for one choir; either the MS/JH All-State Choir or the Elementary Honor Choir. 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys whose voices have not changed can audition for the Elementary Honor Choir.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

Online Auditions Open.....	February 1, 2022
Payment (check) Postmark Deadline..	March 12, 2022
Online Auditions Close.....	March 26, 2022
Notification of Acceptance .....	April 19, 2022
Registration Fee Due .....	May 5, 2022
Music/Registration Packets Sent.....	late May
Registration / Rehearsals Begin.....	July 21, 2022
Elementary Honor Choir Concert .....	July 23, 2022

For questions: 512-474-2801 **honorchoir@tcda.net**

# ELEMENTARY HONOR CHOIR AUDITION PROCEDURE

## READ AUDITION DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

\*Part A and Part B below will be recorded and uploaded into the audition website as **three** separate audio files.

### **PART A**

1. The student will sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" without accompaniment.
2. The student will **NOT** state their name, age, school, or any identifying factor at the beginning or at any time during the recording. Stating this information will result in a disqualification of scoring.
3. The starting pitch must be played in the recording, but once it has been played the student will sing the song unaccompanied.
4. Students will sing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" in the key of G, as seen below.

Samuel F. Smith

### My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Voice

My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,

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Voice

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the

10

Voice

pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain-side Let free - dom ring!

### **PART B** (recorded as **two separate** audio files from Part A)

1. The student will sing the following ascending and descending patterns.
2. The ascending pattern will be recorded as one file, and the descending pattern will be recorded as a separate, second file.
3. Students must sing the correct ascending and descending scales. They cannot choose which they sing. Sopranos must sing the ones assigned to Sopranos, etc... Scoring will be based on tone, phrasing and intonation.
4. The student will sing the following unaccompanied vocalise alone. The teacher must play only the starting pitch at the beginning of each vocalise. The pitch must be heard in the audio recording, but once it has been played the student should sing the vocalise pattern unaccompanied.
5. Observe tempo as indicated. They should sing on either solfege or a neutral syllable.

### Alto Ascending Vocalise



### Alto Descending Vocalise



### Soprano Ascending Vocalise



### Soprano Descending Vocalise



### File Uploading Order:

1. File one - "My Country 'tis of Thee."
2. File two - "Ascending vocalise."
3. File three - "Descending vocalise."

\*\*\*All singing is acapella. Any audition that is accompanied will be disqualified from the scoring process. Any audition that indicated who the student is or where they're from will also be disqualified from scoring\*\*\*

Submit the audio files online through the TCDA website, <https://audition.opusevent.com/Default.aspx?n=2776> with the \$15 audition fee by the deadline (**March 26, 2022**). You will have the option to pay with a credit card online at the time of your audition submission or send a check/cash to the TCDA office.

**Check/Cash MUST be postmarked by March 12th** and must include the student(s) name in the memo line.

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### Audition Application Form:

- Below is an audition application form that you can print off to help you collect information you'll need from your student to submit their audition.

# TCDA Elementary Honor Choir Audition Application Form

(this form is for teachers to collect information needed for each audition they wish to enter)

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Student First & Last Name

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Height in inches

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Current Grade

**Voice Part:** Soprano

Alto

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
School District Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Home Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, Zip Code

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Name of Chaperone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chaperone Cell Phone Number

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Name of Sponsoring TCDA Member

If selected to participate in the TCDA Elementary Honor Choir, my child will attend all rehearsals and perform in San Antonio, TX, July 21-23, 2022. I understand I am responsible for all expenses associated with this event. I also understand that the application fee (\$15, enclosed) and Registration Fee (if selected, \$75, due May 5) are **non-refundable, no exceptions.**

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature    Date

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Parent/Guardian Primary E-mail

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Parent/Guardian Secondary E-mail