



2024 Elementary Honor Choir Audition & Application Info

TCDA is thrilled to begin auditions for the 2024 Elementary Honor Choir. Last summer, over 500 students from across the state applied to take part. We hope Texas' music educators can help even more students work toward this opportunity for Summer 2024. This document contains important information regarding the audition process. Please review it carefully.

General Audition Info

Directors must be current TCDA members to submit their students. Each director may submit as many singers as they like. Auditions are open to students who are currently in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade. 6th graders whose voices have already transitioned to Tenor or Bass are eligible to audition for the Middle School/Junior High All State Choir.

Auditions will consist of three separate mp3 audio files. One will be a recording of the singer performing *My Country 'Tis' of Thee* and the other two will be of the singer performing scales. Specific details can be found on pages 3 and 4. **Recordings that don't follow all audition guidelines are subject to disqualification.**

Directors will need to submit their students' audio auditions through the TCDA website. Directors have the ability to submit their students' audition fee payments, but the students' families have the ability to pay directly as well.

Expenses and Making Payments

The fees Honor Choir members pay help us cover the costs of hiring our guest clinician and accompanist. Additionally, it pays for each member to receive their sheet music, a tote bag, water bottle, video and audio recordings of the concert, and a t-shirt that will be worn during their performance. **All fees are non-refundable.** Expenses include:

Audition fee - \$20

Registration fee - \$120

Hotel/ Food/Transportation - arranged and paid for by participant's family

The audition and registration fees may be paid online, by check, or by money order. If you prefer to pay by check or money order, please make your payment out to TCDA and include your **child's full name** in the memo line. Mail to:

Texas Choral Directors Association
Elementary Honor Choir 2024
PO Box 50250 | Austin, Texas 78763

Financial Support

TCDA is proud to offer the Lou Leonard scholarship to Honor Choir participants each year. This scholarship helps cover the cost of registration and travel expenses. **The scholarship application will be made available to students who are accepted into the choir in March.**

Important Dates

Online auditions open.....	November 1
Online auditions close / audition fee payment deadline.....	February 18
Applicants are notified of audition results.....	March 18
Registration fees are due.....	April 8
Concert music sent to Honor Choir Members.....	Late April, early May
Honor Choir Day 1 in San Antonio.....	July 25
Honor Choir Day 2 in San Antonio.....	July 26
Honor Choir Day 3 and closing concert in San Antonio.....	July 27

How and What to Record

The rules to record auditions are listed on the next two pages. Please follow all steps carefully. Failure to do so can result in the disqualification of a student's application. For additional support, a demonstration video of acceptable recordings and how to submit students can be viewed by going to our website, <https://www.tcda.net/elem-honor-choir>

“File 1 - My Country 'Tis of Thee”

1. The student will perform *My Country 'Tis of Thee* **without accompaniment**.
2. Sopranos and Altos will both perform it in F Major.
3. There can be no identifying information in the recording—the student's name, age, director, school, etc cannot be stated. No voice other than the child's should be present.
4. The **starting pitch must be played** in the recording before the student begins singing. Please make sure there are **no voices heard other than the students**.



My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of li - ber-ty,



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



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

“File 2 - Ascending Pattern”

1. The student will sing the following rising pattern without accompaniment. Make sure your singer performs the one assigned to their voice part.
2. They must follow the pitch and tempo shown in the music.
3. They can sing it on either solfege or a neutral syllable of their choice.
4. The starting pitch must be played at the beginning of the recording. No other pitches can be given. The student's voice must be the only one heard.

Soprano Ascending Pattern



Alto Ascending Pattern



“File 3 - Descending Pattern”

1. The student will sing the following falling pattern without accompaniment. Make sure your singer performs the one assigned to their voice part.
2. They must follow the pitch and tempo shown in the music.
3. They can sing it on either solfege or a neutral syllable of their choice.
4. **The starting pitch must be played at the beginning of the recording. No other pitches can be given. The student's voice must be the only one heard.**

Soprano Descending Pattern



Alto Descending Pattern



How to Upload Audition Files

To submit auditions, you will need an account established with OpusEvent. **The email that you use to create your OpusEvent account should be the same email that you use for your TCDA account.** You may already have an account if you submitted auditions for TCDA last year or if you submit auditions for ACDA or NfAME. This can be found at: <https://audition.opusevent.com>. You may already have an account if you submitted auditions for TCDA last year or if you submit auditions for ACDA or NfAME.

You will be directed to upload three files. They need to be titled and ordered like the example below:

1. File 1 - My Country Tis of Thee
2. File 2 - Ascending Pattern
3. File 3 - Descending Pattern

Remember, you may pay the \$20 audition fee through OpusEvent as well. Whether you pay online or by check/money order, audition fees must **be paid by February 18.**

TCDA Elementary Honor Choir Audition Application Form

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

Student First & Last Name

Height in Inches

Voice Part (Soprano/Alto)

Current Grade

Student's School Name

School District

Student Home Mailing Address

City, Zip Code

Name of Chaperone

Chaperone Cell Phone Number

If selected to participate in the TCDA Elementary Honor Choir and you agree to participate, my child will learn the music, participate in all rehearsals, and perform in the TCDA HONOR CHOIR in San Antonio, TX, July 25-27, 2024. I understand I am responsible for all expenses associated with this event. I also understand the **audition fee (\$20, enclosed) and Registration Fee (if selected, \$120, due April 8) are non-refundable.**

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Primary E-mail

Parent/Guardian Secondary E-mail