

WICHITA COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR AUDITION FAQ

Who can audition?

WCCC is open to students with treble voices in grades 4-8 (in fall). Previous choir experience or training is not required. We are looking for youth who love to sing, can match pitch and enjoy learning and working with others to develop their musical talents.

When and where are auditions held?

Auditions will be held by online appointment in May at University United Methodist Church, 2220 N. Yale, Wichita, KS 67220

What happens during the audition?

Auditions are simple and fun. Here is what to expect:

1. Introduce yourself by clearly stating your name, age and grade in school
2. Sing simple vocal warm-ups and music exercises
3. Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" in a round with another person
4. Sing "America". This does not need to be memorized

Our kid friendly auditions provide singers a chance to meet our staff and give us insight into the new members' singing voice, music skills and personality. To help you prepare, all audition materials and forms can be found on our website www.wcccks.com under the audition tab.

When will we know the results of the audition?

Emails will be sent to all the week following auditions. Membership information will be included for those invited to join the choir. We will share ideas on how to prepare for future auditions with WCCC for those who are not ready to join this year.

Why WCCC?

Wichita Community Children's Choir is a unique experience that brings children of different races, cultures and backgrounds together in universal song. These musically talented and motivated young people have a passion for singing and a desire to perform at a higher musical level. Beautiful tone, accurate pitch, building of confidence and self expression through singing are all explored in a positive, upbeat experience. In WCCC, singer explore a wide variety of genres and styles while also learning the value of leadership, self-discipline and teamwork as they join their voice as one.

Where and when are rehearsals held?

Rehearsals are held Thursday nights 5:00-6:30 pm tentatively at Friends University, Fine Arts Hall. Choir season is August-April (no rehearsal during Thanksgiving, Winter or Spring Break). Additional rehearsals may be scheduled closer to performances, with advance notice.

What types of Music and concerts does WCCC perform?

WCCC learns a wide -variety of music which varies each year and is chosen at the discretion of the Director. Choir members are expected to accept and respect all choir repertoire from an artistic standpoint. We encourage you to visit our website www.wcccks.com and look at our past highlights which have included everything from performing with the African Children's Choir, jamming with a bluegrass band, to singing classical music with the Wichita Symphony!

What is the cost to be in WCCC?

Tuition is \$250 with a \$50 discount for each additional sibling. This is payable in Two installments. If accepted, a \$75.00 nonrefundable deposit is required to hold your membership, which is applied to the \$250. Tuition covers the singer's music education instruction, payment of professional instructors, accompanists, assistants, instrumentalists, venue rental, music, etc. Choir members will have performance attire for formal and informal concerts which is the singer's responsibility. Details will be discussed and order placed at the beginning of the year.

*Financial note - WCCC is a great "bang for your buck"

WCCC singers receive excellent instruction in vocal and musical development each week and experience unique performing opportunities. Comparatively, weekly private voice lessons (30 minutes) cost in the range of \$70-\$90 per month

Is financial assistance available?

If accepted for membership, scholarship applications are available based on financial need or extenuating circumstances thanks to our generous sponsors. Contact the president of the board at presidentwcccks@gmail.com for an application by June 15.

What if I have more questions?

No problem! Always feel free to contact us and we'll be glad to help

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