

# Wichita Community Children's Choir

## AUDITION FAQ

### Who can audition?

Young ladies and gentlemen entering grades 4-8 in fall, who love to sing, can match pitch, and have positive, cooperative attitudes are invited to audition.

### When and where are auditions held?

Auditions will be held by appointment in May at the Riney Fine Arts Building (room C6) at Friends University. **Address:** 2100 W University St, Wichita, KS 67213

### What happens during the audition?

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

1. Sing simple vocal warm-ups and music exercises
2. Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" in a round with a director
3. Sing "America". This does not need to be memorized.

Our friendly auditions provide singers a chance to meet our staff and gives us insight into new members singing voice, music skills, and personality. To help you prepare, all audition materials and forms can be found on our website [wccc.ks.com](http://wccc.ks.com) under the "Audition" tab.

### When will we know the results of the audition?

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

## WCCC FAQ

### What are the choirs in WCCC?

**Choristers** is a training choir to prepare students in 4th to 6th grade for the more serious commitments of the Chorale. The fundamentals of choral singing will be explored with particular emphasis on beautiful vocal tone, accurate pitch, and gaining confidence in singing and self-expression.

**Chorale** offers advanced choral training and vocal development for singers in the 5th – 8th grades. Chorale singers have a passion for singing and a desire to perform at a higher musical level, and the choir has been recognized for its clear and artistic singing, joy-filled performances, and the positive attitudes demonstrated by each singer. Chorale is a two semester commitment with some Saturday retreats and rehearsals.

Both **Choristers and Chorale** sing in our Winter Prelude and Spring Sing Concerts, culminating in combined repertoire accompanied by professional instrumentalists. Our choir members also participate in several community service performances throughout our choir season.

### Where and when are rehearsals held?

Rehearsals are held at Riney Fine Arts Center at Friends University.

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Rehearsals are held weekly on Thursday.

Choristers meet from 4:45- 5:30 p.m.

Chorale rehearses from 5:00 p.m.- 6:40 pm.

### How long does the choir season last?

Mid-August through December

January through April

The choir does not meet during Thanksgiving vacation, Christmas break, or Spring Break.

### What are some of the recent highlights of WCCC?

Two major concerts each year (usually December and April) plus other community performances.

Britten's War Requiem with Wichita Symphony- October 2018

Performed with Chris Mann and the Wichita Grand Opera- December 2017, 2018

Wichita ICT Flight Showchoir- 2017, 2018

Performed with K- State University Choir and Wichita Chamber Chorale- Spring 2018

Performed by invitation at the Kansas Music Educator's Convention- February 2018.

Hosted and performed with the African Children's Choir – May 2017.

Sang at the Kansas State Capitol- 2017

Kansas Day tour to Topeka, Manhattan, Salina and Newton

Yearly trips to sing at the Kansas ChorAll Festival, joining other children's choirs.

Community out-reach to senior citizen nursing homes, McConnell Air Force Base, Botanica

## FINANCIAL FAQ

### What is the cost to be in WCCC?

Chorister tuition is \$175 and Chorale tuition is \$250, with a \$50 discount for each additional sibling.

This is payable in two installments. Tuition covers the singer's music education instruction, payment of professional instructors, accompanists, assistants, venue rental, use of music, etc.

*WCCC singers receive excellent instruction in vocal and musical development each week.  
Comparatively, weekly private voice lessons (30 minutes) cost in the range of \$60-80/month.*

### Uniform Costs

#### **Chorale:**

Girls - royal blue dress, WCCC jewelry, and black dress shoes (approximately \$70)

Boys - black dress pants, vest, white tux shirt, bow-tie, dress shoes (approximately \$40)

**Choristers:** red polo shirt, black dress pants, black shoes (approximately \$30)

### Is financial assistance available?

Scholarship applications are available based on financial need or extenuating circumstances. Contact rickiemery@cox.net for a scholarship application. June 1 is the deadline for applying.

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