

# WICHITA COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## AUDITION FAQ

### **Who can audition?**

WCCC is open to students with treble voices in grades 4-9 (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 and best selves.

### **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. Introduce yourself by clearly stating you 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 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?**

Emails will be sent to all 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.

### **Why WCCC?**

Wichita Community Children's Choir is a unique experience that brings children of different race, 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, singers explore a wide variety of genres and styles while also learning the value of leadership, self-discipline and teamwork as they join their voices as one.

### **Where and when are rehearsals held?**

Rehearsals are held Thursday nights 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall (3rd floor) of the Administration Building (the one with the beautiful clock tower) at Friends University. Choir season is August-April (no rehearsals 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](http://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. 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. Details will be discussed and orders 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?**

Scholarship applications are available based on financial need or extenuating circumstances thanks to our generous sponsors. Contact Ricki Emery at [PresidentWCCCKS@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentWCCCKS@gmail.com) for a scholarship application by June 1.

### **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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