



The Piedmont Choirs Scholarship Program

In an effort to ensure that **no student will miss out on Choir participation due to financial concerns**, the Choirs maintain an active scholarship program, awarding over \$100,000 in financial assistance over the last three years alone. Our scholarship program is supported by grants from private foundations, by donations from individual supporters, and by income raised at fundraising events such as our annual Gala.

Below you will find basic facts about the scholarship program.

1. The Piedmont Choirs' scholarship program was established to enable as many children as possible to participate in all aspects of Choirs activities. For this reason, it is our practice to award as many partial grants as we can, rather than assisting just a few families via 100% scholarships. Most grants cover 25%-75% of tuition and fees.
2. Scholarship awards are based on demonstrable financial need rather than merit. That said, there is no specific "maximum" income allowed; families' situations are considered on a case-by-case basis.
3. Initial eligibility is determined by examining the applicant's total household income, and the number of persons being supported by such income. Unusual or unforeseen financial challenges are also considered, with involuntary expenses given more weight than voluntary ones.
4. All interested applicants must submit a fully completed application, along with proof of income in the form of a tax return or similar government documentation.
5. Scholarship applications and related materials are held in strictest confidence.
6. Scholarship applications are reviewed and awards granted by a committee of the Piedmont Choirs Board of Directors, whose decisions are final.
7. A new application and supporting materials must be submitted each year. Awards may vary from season to season based on availability of funds, regardless of past history.
8. Those seeking financial assistance must sign a simple contract acknowledging their responsibilities as choir members and agreeing that early withdrawal from the Choirs will lead to revocation of the scholarship award.

Scholarship application forms are available for download in the Member Area of the Choirs' website, or via the Choir office. Have questions? Please phone the choir office at 510/547-4441.



2007-2008 Scholarship Application

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Date of application: _____

Name of Chorister: _____
Last First Initial

Date of Birth: _____ Anticipated choir(s): _____ Years in Piedmont Choirs: _____

Address: _____

Current School: _____ Current grade: _____

Sibling(s) currently enrolled in Piedmont Choirs: _____

Ethnic/cultural background [The foundations funding our scholarship program invariably ask for summary information concerning the ethnic/cultural makeup of our scholarship group. Your willingness to supply this information on a confidential basis will greatly assist us in being able to apply for these funds successfully.]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> More than one ethnicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Parent/Guardian applying on child's behalf: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Household Income Summary:

Adult #1: _____ \$ _____
Name Occupation/Employer Monthly gross income

Adult #2: _____ \$ _____
Name Occupation/Employer Monthly gross income

Child/spousal support: \$ _____ AFDC/Social Security income: \$ _____

Total monthly household income: \$ _____ # of persons living in household: _____

Please attach a copy of the first page of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return.

[For reasons of personal security, we suggest you black out all social security number.] If parents/guardians file separate tax returns, a copy of each must be provided. Applications submitted without such supporting materials cannot be considered for assistance. This application and its attachments will be kept completely confidential. Only the members of our Scholarship Committee will view the information you have provided.

Please answer the following questions: [Feel free to use and attach additional sheets if desired.]

1. Why do you require financial assistance?
2. Do you have unusual or unexpected expenses at this time?
3. Are there other circumstances or facts you would like considered?
4. Are there ways in which you feel you can assist the Choirs in turn, perhaps through volunteering, helping to recruit new students, getting people to attend concerts, etc.?

Scholarship Contract: I, the undersigned, understand that my acceptance of financial aid enabling my child to participate in the Piedmont Choirs constitutes an agreement between the Piedmont Choirs and myself. For the financial assistance I receive, I agree that my chorister will participate fully in the Piedmont Choirs for the term of the scholarship award. My child will maintain excellent attendance at rehearsals and performances, and conduct her/himself in a manner appropriate to achieving the aims of the choir; I understand that excessive absences or disciplinary problems are grounds for revocation of my scholarship award. **If, for any reason, my child leaves the choir after an award has been made but prior to the completion of the term for which assistance was sought, any scholarship funds I have received are forfeited and I will be obligated to pay all incurred costs at the regular rate, pro-rated to the time my child ceased participating.** If my economic circumstances improve sufficiently during the term of any scholarship aid I receive, I will notify the Choirs that financial aid will not be required for the remainder of that term so that these unneeded funds can be directed to another deserving family.

I swear under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided in my application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that I will, on request, provide proof of any of the details I have related in my application. I further acknowledge that I have read the above agreement, and that I understand and accept the responsibilities set forth therein.

Signed: _____ Date: _____