



TCDA Honor Choir Auditions

The TCDA Honor Choirs are an excellent opportunity for students wanting to further their musical abilities while engaging and connecting with the statewide community of student musicians and music educators.

This document outlines the information, dates, and expectations for the TCDA Honor Choirs.

Audition Deadline

January Feb. 4, 2024 Online Submissions *auditions recorded no later than Feb. 2*

TCDA Convention & Performance

July 25-27, 2024 San Antonio Convention Center

I. Honor Choir Information

A. The TCDA Honor Choirs auditions are open to all MMS Choir students. Current 6th grade students are eligible to audition for the Elementary Honor Choir while current 7/8th grade students are eligible to audition for the MS/JH All-State Honor Choir. Please visit the following websites to read more information from TCDA regarding the Honor Choirs.

<u>Elementary Honor Choir Webpage</u>, <u>Elementary Honor Choir Audition & Application Info MS/JH All-State Choir Webpage</u>, <u>MS/JH All-State Choir Audition & Application Info</u>

B. Preparation

1. Students will be expected to prepare the melody of "My Country 'tis of Thee" as well as two brief vocal exercises that display student range.

C. Auditions

- 1. The audition process is completed with an MMS Choir Director and submitted online through electronic recording. Students will sign up for a 15-minute audition recording session and complete each component with a director. Audition appointments can be made immediately and will run through January 12th, 2024.
- 2. Prior to a student's audition recording session, students MUST turn in the Audition Application Form and a \$10 <u>cash</u> audition fee (other \$10 of the audition fee will be covered by MMS Choir).





TCDA Honor Choir Information, cont'd.

D. Performance

- 1. Students accepted into the honor choirs will prepare a selection of concert repertoire (4-5 pieces of music) and participate in 2 days of rehearsal followed by a concert during the TCDA Convention in San Antonio, TX. The clinic will be led by an accomplished choral clinician of high caliber and repute in choral music.
- 2. Rehearsals begin on July 25, and the concert is on July 27th, 2024.

E. Sign-Up and Commitment

- 1. Student Commitment
 - a) Any student who auditions for the TCDA Honor Choir is expected to participate in all portions of the rehearsals and concert process should they be accepted.
- 2. Financial Commitment
 - a) The audition fee is \$20, but MMS Choir will cover \$10. Choir students are responsible for paying the other \$10 prior to their audition.
 - b) Families of auditioning students will be responsible for the \$120 registration fee and all lodging and travel expenses for the July Convention/Clinic.

F. Student Supervision & Responsibility of Guardians

- 1. While students are supported through audition by the MMS Choir department, <u>the MMS Choir directors maintain no responsibilities of student oversight at the TCDA Convention, Rehearsal, and performance.</u>
- 2. Any participating student must be accompanied for the duration of the convention by a family member or appropriate guardian.
- 3. Families are encouraged to secure lodging shortly after acceptance into the honor choir.





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TCDA MS/JH All State Choir Website