

Southern California Children's Chorus

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Application for Scholarship

2026 – 2027 Choral Season

The Southern California Children's Chorus was founded in 1996 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is enhancing children's lives through distinguished choral music education and world-class performance. SCCC is tuition-based and is dedicated to making its programs available to children from all economic backgrounds, providing scholarships and other assistance to families in need. Striving to keep membership as affordable as possible, SCCC derives the significant portion of its budget not covered by tuition from tax-deductible contributions from the community and from grant-making organizations.

The scholarship fund is a fixed amount each year. It is disbursed among those who apply by the deadline and who demonstrate the greatest financial need. Awards may vary from year to year based on the availability of funds, regardless of past awards, and a new application with supporting documents must be submitted each year.

Scholarship percentages awarded may vary widely and are determined solely based on demonstrated financial need. Every scholarship family is responsible for at least ten percent of tuition.

Choristers enrolling for the half season beginning in January are charged fifty percent of the annual tuition for their level, and all references to tuition in this application mean the amount charged for the chorister's enrollment.

Choristers receiving other financial resources to assist in paying tuition will not be considered for SCCC scholarships, as scholarship funds are limited.

Deadline

A complete application must be received within seven (7) calendar days of registration. Submitting a timely application suspends the obligation to pay tuition while the application is under review. Applications received after seven calendar days will not be considered, and full tuition becomes immediately due.

What to submit

- This completed Scholarship Application.
- The signed Scholarship Contract on page 3.
- A copy of the first page of your most recent federal income tax return, or similar government documentation showing adjusted gross income and the number of persons in the household.
- A non-refundable payment equal to ten percent (10%) of tuition. Because the maximum award is 90 percent, this is the minimum any scholarship family owes, and it is credited toward tuition.

The Scholarship Committee will review your request and you will be notified of the decision as soon as possible. Any balance of tuition remaining after an award is due within ten (10) days of notification.

Scholarship Application

Please complete this form fully and attach the requested documentation.

Chorister information

Chorister name	Chorus level	Years with SCCC	Current school

Parent or guardian 1

Name _____
Home address _____
Occupation _____ Employer _____
Email _____ Primary phone _____

Parent or guardian 2

Name _____
Home address _____
Occupation _____ Employer _____
Email _____ Primary phone _____

Parent or guardian status: ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Single ☐ Widowed ☐ Other

Financial information

Summarized from the tax return for year _____
Adjusted Gross Income (IRS Form 1040 Line #11) \$ _____
Child/spousal support \$ _____
TANF / AFDC / SSI income \$ _____ # Persons in household _____

Please provide any further information that would help the committee understand your family's financial situation and the need for assistance.

Volunteer opportunities

SCCC needs volunteers throughout the year. If awarded a scholarship, would you be willing to serve regularly in a volunteer assignment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe any skills or areas of interest.

Scholarship Contract

I understand that acceptance of financial aid enabling my child to participate in the Southern California Children's Chorus constitutes an agreement between SCCC and my family.

I agree that my child will participate fully in SCCC for the full choral year. My child will maintain excellent attendance at rehearsals and performances, and will conduct themselves in a manner appropriate to achieving the mission of the organization. I understand that excessive absences or disciplinary problems are grounds for revocation of the scholarship award.

I agree that my child will have no more than three absences per semester, and that the director will be informed in advance of any missed SCCC event.

I agree that my child will participate for the full choral year. If my child withdraws from the program, I understand that the scholarship award may be revoked and that I agree to pay the balance of tuition, subject to the withdrawal and refund provisions of the SCCC Tuition and Payment Policy.

The information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to provide proof of any detail in this application on request. I acknowledge that I have read this agreement and accept the responsibilities as written.

Parent or guardian 1 signature _____

Print name _____

Date _____

Parent or guardian 2 signature _____

Print name _____

Date _____

Documentation

Please attach a copy of your most recent federal income tax return, or AFDC, TANF, SSI, or current unemployment documentation. Please black out Social Security numbers before submitting. If you file separate returns, a copy of each must be provided.

This application and its attachments are kept completely confidential. Only members of the Scholarship Committee will view the information you provide.

Award and payment

A payment equal to ten percent of tuition is due with this application. It is non-refundable, and it is credited toward the tuition you owe. The Scholarship Committee determines the award, and you will be notified of the balance owed. Any balance is due within ten (10) days of notification. Cash, check, and credit card payments are accepted.

Upon receipt of the scholarship award, I agree to pay the balance by:

- ☐ SCCC will invoice me and I will pay by credit card
- ☐ SCCC will invoice me and I will pay by check or cash
- ☐ Other: _____

Where to submit

Return this application and all attachments to the SCCC office at admin@sccchorus.org, or by mail to SCCC, 2102 Business Center Drive, Irvine, CA 92612. ATTN: SCHOLARSHIPS.

Questions may be directed to the SCCC office at admin@sccchorus.org or (949) 336-7115.