

Southern California Children's Chorus
Application for Scholarship
2023-2024

Southern California Children's Chorus was founded in 1996 as a 501c3 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 forms of assistance to families in need. Striving to make membership as affordable as possible, the SCCC engages in an array of fundraising activities, deriving the significant portion of its budget not covered by tuition from tax-deductible contributions from the community as well as support from grant-making organizations.

The fixed dollar amount in the SCCC scholarship fund will be disbursed to those who have applied by the deadline and to those demonstrating the greatest financial need.

Choristers receiving other financial resources to assist in paying tuition will not be considered for SCCC scholarships as we have a limited amount of scholarship funds.

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must submit the following by the deadline:

- **Scholarship Application.**
- **Signed Scholarship Contract** – Acknowledges their responsibilities as chorus members and agreeing that early withdrawal from SCCC may lead to revocation of the scholarship award.
- **Copy of the First page of most recent Federal Income Tax return or similar government documentation showing gross income and number in the household.**
- **Non-refundable amount equal to 10% of tuition. The remaining amount owed will be determined by the scholarship committee.**

Note: Applications received after the deadline *may* not be considered. The Scholarship Committee will review your request and you will be notified of your scholarship amount by mail as soon as possible. A new application with supporting documents must be submitted each year. Awards may vary from year to year based on the availability of funds, regardless of past awards.

1-Scholarship Application

Application Deadline

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| 2023-2024 Choral Year | Second Rehearsal |
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Please fill out this form completely, attaching all requested documentation.

| <u>Chorister Name(s)</u> | <u>Chorus Level</u> | <u>Yrs with SCCC</u> | <u>Current School</u> |
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Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____
Home Address: _____
Occupation: _____
Employer: _____
Email: _____
Primary Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____
Home Address: _____
Occupation: _____
Employer: _____
Email: _____
Primary Phone: _____

Parents/Guardians is/are: Married Divorced Single Widowed

Financial Information summarized from tax return for year _____

Total Monthly household income \$ _____ Child/spousal support: \$ _____

TANF/AFDC/Social Security income: \$ _____ # of persons living in household _____

Please provide any further information you feel would be helpful to the committee in understanding your family's financial situation and the need for scholarship assistance.

2-Scholarship Contract

I understand that my acceptance of financial aid enabling my child to participate in 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 term of the contract. My child will maintain excellent attendance at rehearsals and performances, and their conduct will be in a manner appropriate to achieving the mission of the organization. I understand that excessive absences or disciplinary problems are grounds for revocation of my scholarship award. ***I agree that my child will have no more than 3 absences per semester, and that the music director will be informed prior to missing an SCCC event.***

The information that I have provided 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 acknowledge that I have read the scholarship agreement and accept the responsibilities as written. ***I agree that my child will participate for the full choral year, and I agree to pay the balance of tuition in the event they withdraw from the program.***

Signed:

Parent/Guardian1

Parent/Guardian2

Volunteer Opportunities:

SCCC has needs for volunteers throughout the year. If awarded a scholarship, would you be willing to serve regularly in a volunteer assignment? _____ If yes, please describe any skills you feel would be useful to the SCCC, or indicate particular areas of interest.

3-Copy of Documentation

Please attach a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return, AFDC, TANF, SSI or current unemployment information. Please black out your Social security numbers for personal security. If you file separate tax returns, a copy of each must be provided. This application and its attachments will be kept completely confidential. Only the members of our Scholarship Committee will view the information you have provided.

4-Deposit and Payments

An amount equal to 10% of your tuition is due with this form.

(The scholarship committee determines the scholarship award and you will be notified of the balance owed.) Checks, cash, and credit card payments are accepted. Payments are due upon receipt of the award letter.

Upon receipt of the scholarship award, I agree to make payments to SCCC by the following method:

- SCCC will invoice me and I will pay with CC
- SCCC will invoice me and I will pay with personal check or cash
- Other - _____

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Alex, Admin. Director at the SCCC Office.

Return the information to: SCCC Scholarships, 2102 Business Center Drive, Irvine, CA 92612. OR You may also hand-deliver your scholarship information to Pam Alex, at rehearsal.