



Choral Scholar Program

An awarded experience opportunity for college students

Summit Choral Society (SCS) is a multi-generational choral arts organization, serving children birth to 18 and adults through various musical program experiences. SCS's mission is to provide a continuum of musical training for young children through senior adults, produce exceptional choral performances and preserve the art of choral music for the enrichment and enjoyment of the Greater Akron community.

SCS's Sing With Me Program (birth – 5 years old) a comprehensive early childhood music program for caregivers and children from birth to 5 years of age.

SCS's Children's Choir Program (grades k-12) is a unique vocal music education program for children. Its teachings are based on the Zoltan Kodaly method of attaining music literacy. Singers are placed in one of five musicianship classes and the appropriate choir level, based on their own musical experience and demonstrated skill.

SCS's Metropolitan Chorus is for adult singers of all ages. The classically based choir offers flexible options for singers, who can sign up for one or more sessions (concerts) or the entire season.

The **Choral Scholar** program provides college students with opportunities for unique choral experiences and leadership while building their operational skills and administrative knowledge base in the behind the scenes of arts administration and educational programming.

For the 23-24 season, SCS offers three types of Choral Scholar Program Award Chart:

Type	Metropolitan Chorus	Type	Children's Programs
Primary Focus	Adult Engagement/Operations	Primary Focus	Youth Education/Operations
Primary Administrator	Shara Cocchiola/Britt Cooper	Primary Administrator	Rachel Baker/Shara Cocchiola
Amount	\$2,000	Amount	\$2,000
Season	August 2024-May 2025	Season	August 2024-May 2025
Rehearsal Footprint	Tuesdays 6:30-9:30PM	Rehearsal Footprint	5:00 - 8:00PM

MORE INFORMATION Contact Shara Cocchiola, (scocchiola@summitchoralsociety.org)

Applications must be received by **July 30** and include:

- 1) which choral scholarship you are interested in,
- 2) a brief description of why you are a good candidate for that position, and
- 3) a resume, including a list of at least two references.
- 4) Most current college (or high school if just graduated) transcript with GPA

Select applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Choral Scholars must be familiar with solfege and theory, including moveable "do" based pedagogy.

Applicants must be musically literate, be able to find starting pitches on piano and harmonize when necessary. Those interested in positions that include operations should have strengths in organization, logistics and be authoritative but professional working with children and parents.

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Responsibilities and Expectations

Choral Scholar Program Award

The Summit Choral Society Choral Scholar position with an award in the amount and for the time duration designated for the academic year. This scholarship amount will be awarded in the manner described in the award chart on page 1, during the service year listed, provided the above student remains at least half-time student in good standing at a college/university. Summit Choral Society Choral Scholars must adhere to professional expectations of conduct, musicianship, attendance, and fulfill all obligations to the Summit Choral Society Choral Scholar program described below.

Summit Choral Society Choral Scholar of must be on time for attendance at all performances, rehearsals and events. The student is required to communicate with all staff, parents, patrons and constituents of SCS in a professional manner and serve as a leader. The scholarship may be revoked or reduced, at the sole discretion of the Executive Artistic Director if: A student has one (1) unexcused absence from a performance or event; a student has more than one absence from rehearsals/events regardless of causation; and/or a student does not meet expectations of professionalism or musicianship. Due to concerns related to the criteria listed, the student may be placed on a probationary scholarship for (1) semester. Any exceptions to this contract must be approved by the Executive Artistic Director. All Summit Choral Society rules and policies must be followed as outlined in the handbook. Any violation of Summit Choral Society rules may result in suspension from the Choral Scholar program and loss of the scholar award. I have read the above scholarship contract, reviewed the program calendar(s) and obligations. I understand all of the responsibilities and I accept the Summit Choral Society Choral Scholar program award.

Payments may be paid directly to the student or to their qualifying college/university. Choral Scholar will indicate how they would like their award processed upon signing the Choral Scholar Program Award contract.

Please check one of the following:
 New Scholarship applicant _____
 Repeat Scholarship Applicant _____

Choral Scholar Program Application

Circle focus(es) you are interested in:

Type*	Type*	Type*	Children's Choir Program
Primary Focus	Ops/concert production & singer mgt	Primary Focus	AC/BC: Theory, Attendance, General ccp Ops
Type*	DrumSing	Type*	Children's Choir Program & Sing With Me
Primary Focus	DrumSing	Primary Focus	Sing With Me & Performance Choir

If application is illegible it will be disregarded.			
1	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">First Name: _____</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Last Name: _____</td> </tr> </table>	First Name: _____	Last Name: _____
First Name: _____	Last Name: _____		
2	Mailing Address:: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
3	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____ Email address: _____		
4	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 75%; border: none;">High School Attended: _____</td> <td style="width: 25%; border: none;">Number of years attended HS: _____</td> </tr> </table>	High School Attended: _____	Number of years attended HS: _____
High School Attended: _____	Number of years attended HS: _____		
5	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2023</u> : _____ Address/ Phone _____		
6	What year will you enter college? Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Level		
7	Will you be at least a half- time student? _____ If no, please explain a special circumstance to be considered.		
8	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach Transcript		
9	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____		

	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____				
	ZIP: _____				
	Phone: _____				
10	What specialty/major do you plan to major in?				
11	List the name of any college you have attended				
		Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree Received
	A.				
	B.				

Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

12	EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and apx. dates.
13	AREA OF STUDY: What do you want to study and why?
14	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
15	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
16	BENEFITS: How do you believe you will benefit from a Choral Scholar position?

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18	WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT YOU?		
19	A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be review.		
	YES	NO	<p style="text-align: center;">Two reference forms. Attn: Shara Cocchiola Summit Choral Society 140 E Market Street Akron, OH 44308 scocchiola@summitchoralsociety.org</p>
	YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	Most recent high school or college transcript.
	YES	NO	Answers to questions above

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me Summit Choral Society is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary for the organization. I hereby understand that if chosen as a Choral Scholar Program award recipient according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

The deadline for this application to be received by Summit Choral Society by July 30th. Submit all information in one email to scocchiola@summitchoralsociety.org or mail to Summit Choral Society, 140 E Market Street, Akron OH 44308