

2019 Arkansas ACDA 6-9 Treble Honor Choir Audition Information Packet

Carolyn Welch, Conductor
Little Rock, Arkansas
July 22-23, 2019

We are excited and honored to work with **Carolyn Welch**, the conductor and artistic director of the Lawrence Children's Choir. She was named the KMEA Northeast District Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Award for choir for 2013-2014.

Online Application

**Comprehensive online application must be submitted
by **April 26, 2019 by 11:59 PM** for consideration**

<https://audition.opusevent.com/Default.aspx>

Go to the above link and click on 2019 Arkansas ACDA Honor Choir to begin.
The application will include applicant info, audition fee payment (\$25),
and audition track submission.

*(For students who are selected to be in the honor choir,
an additional \$75 participation fee will be collected at a later date.)*

Directors: Send this worksheet home with students to have parents fill out pertinent information. Then, use the worksheet to assist you with the online application. You must be a current ACDA member to submit any applicants.

Singer Application Information Worksheet

The AR-ACDA Honor Choir is open to girls and boys (unchanged voices) who will be entering grades 6-9 in the Fall of 2019.

Choral Directors: This worksheet is only to gather information from your students. All applications must be submitted online. The link to the application is on the first page of this document and on the aracda.org website. Submit a separate application and separate mp3 tracks for each applicant. No limit is placed on the number of applicants from any single choir. Please send only your most responsible and dedicated singers. **A non-refundable \$25.00 application fee** must be submitted for each application. The application cannot be submitted without fee payment.

Singer's Name _____

Grade Entering in Fall 2019 _____

Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Voice Part: S1 S2 A1 A2

Singer's Height (in feet and inches, i.e. 5'3") _____

Chaperone Information

Each singer must be accompanied by an adult chaperone, other than the student's choir director, (at least 21 years of age by May 1, 2019). Parents/guardians indicated on the application, who serve as their child's chaperone, need only read and sign the statement of obligation below. Others serving as chaperones should complete the following information.

Chaperone's Name _____ Phone _____
Preferred Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____

Statement of obligation assumed by those selected for the 2019 Honor Choir:

I have read the entire guidelines and application form and fully understand that selection for the 2019 AR-ACDA Honor Choir brings musical and financial obligations. I understand that accepting a spot in the Honor Choir means I am responsible for paying a \$75 participation fee and making arrangements for my own lodging during the event. AR-ACDA is not responsible for the cost of the applicant's transportation, lodging, or meals. Every singer will attend all rehearsals during the clinic. I am aware that each singer in the choir must have an adult chaperone over the age of 21 (other than the student's choir director) who is responsible for them. Every Honor Choir member will be committed to having the music fully prepared before the first rehearsal. Singers who do not know their music may not be allowed to participate in the Honor Choir.

_____ I agree. Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Notes for directors:

- Please update all contact information on the ACDA website prior to beginning the application process. Our audition software pulls your contact information from ACDA.
- By submitting an application, the director is acknowledging that the student has demonstrated the musical skills, dedication, and behavior necessary to represent their school and community in the 2019 Arkansas ACDA Honor Choir.

Vocal Audition Requirements

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Instructions

1. Use the best recording equipment available to you.
2. Only one singer per recording.
3. **DO NOT** speak in the recording.
4. Record three separate tracks
 - Ascending Scale
 - Descending Scale
 - My Country 'Tis of Thee
5. **DO NOT** edit tracks beyond trimming.
6. Please **include** the starting pitches for each track.
7. Test your sound files to ensure that they play back properly.
8. All recordings must be submitted as **.mp3 files**
 - There are several websites that provide audio conversion for free. Search *mp3 audio converter*
9. Submit the correct audition tracks to the correct header.

The audition consists of three separate tracks to be uploaded to the online application:

All tracks will be performed a cappella.

1. Sing one **ascending** 5-note scale (major scale do-sol) on "ah" beginning on the following pitch:
 - Soprano 1 C5 (octave above middle C)
 - Soprano 2 Bb4 (above middle C)
 - Alto 1 G4 (above middle C)
 - Alto 2 F4 (above middle C)
2. Sing one **descending** 5-note scale (major scale sol-do) on "ah" beginning on the following pitch:
 - Soprano 1 G4 (above middle C)
 - Soprano 2 F4 (above middle C)
 - Alto 1 E4 (above middle C)
 - Alto 2 D4 (above middle C)
3. My Country 'Tis of Thee performed a cappella (1st verse only). Begin on the following pitch:
 - Soprano 1 Bb4 (above middle C)
 - Soprano 2 Ab4 (above middle C)
 - Alto 1 F4 (above middle C)

- Alto 2 Eb4 (above middle C)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where will we stay?

All members of the 2019 AR-ACDA Treble Honor Choir will be responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. All Honor Choir members will room with their chaperone(s). Teachers will not be allowed to room with their students, unless they are related.

Does each singer need a chaperone?

Yes. There must be a responsible adult above the age of 21 (as of May 1, 2019), other than the student's choir director, for each singer in the 2019 AR-ACDA Honor Choir. Each individual chaperone may be responsible for more than one honor choir singer. Choir directors may not be the official chaperone.

Will there be a meal plan for the honor choir singers?

No, Honor Choir members are responsible for their meals.

Can we send purchase order or credit card numbers for fees?

No, the only accepted form of payment will be credit card via the online application.

What does a chaperone do?

Chaperones are responsible for their singers throughout the honor choir experience. At registration, chaperones will need to provide a reachable phone number. Chaperones will also be asked to sign-up to attend rehearsals and other honor choir activities. Chaperones are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct and making sure their singers are on time for all rehearsals, activities, and performances.

What if I have more questions?

Feel free to email the Honor Choir Coordinators (Cassandra Hernandez and Chris Brown) at aracdahonorchoirs@gmail.com.