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## You've found the Chattanooga Girls Choir. Now what?

First, the Girls Choir needs to hear from you. Visit our website to register [www.chattanoogagirlschoir.org](http://www.chattanoogagirlschoir.org). You will be prompted to set up an account and pay a \$20 registration fee. The choir office will contact you about scheduling an audition for rising 4th-12th graders or confirm your space in the Choir.

### Why should I join?

The Chattanooga Girls Choir has more than 30 years providing vocal instruction and artistic performance experiences. These are designed to reinforce and supplement any other musical instruction your chorister is currently receiving.

### What are some benefits of being a member of the Girls Choir?

Aside from additional music instruction, CGC members have the opportunity to perform at local venues as well as traveling to perform in the US and internationally. They have performed at the Vatican, White House, Carnegie Hall and in places such as Italy, Spain, Austria, and England to name a few. Traveling is not mandatory but it is a privilege to be selected.

Being part of the CGC also better prepares you for your future. Whether you plan to continue musical studies in higher education, or just be involved in music performances, choir participation helps prepare you for future challenges in life. Many of our choir members have received music scholarships for college.

## Our Choirs

ALL CHOIRS REHEARSE ON MONDAY NIGHTS at  
First Christian Church August-May

#### CANTILENA CHOIR

(2nd-4th Graders) is a musicianship class and choir which introduces tonal and rhythmic patterns through singing and movement. Choristers learn to sing in parts and begin reading music from scores.

**Rehearsal time:** 5-6 pm

#### JUBILATE CHOIR

(5th-8th Graders) is an auditioned choir that performs alone as well as being part of the Concert Choir. Choristers learn to sing in parts and build on their musicianship..

**Rehearsal time:** 5-6:30 pm

#### GRACE MOORE SINGERS

(9th-12 Graders) is an auditioned choir for upper grades. They sing with Jubilate to form Concert Choir but also perform alone in various styles and languages.

**Rehearsal time:** 5-6:30 pm

#### THE CONCERT CHOIR

(5th – 12th grade) is the primary performing choir of the CGC. The Concert Choir is formed from the merging of two auditioned choirs, Jubilate (5th - 8th Grade) & Grace Moore (9th - 12th Grade).

Concert Choir also has one extended Monday night rehearsal per month until 7pm

**\*\*Girls from Concert Choir are allowed to apply to become part of the summer touring choir.**

# Chattanooga Girls Choir FAQ's

## 1. What is the Chattanooga Girls Choir?

The Chattanooga Girls Choir (CGC) is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization created in 1987 to offer talented young ladies in the Chattanooga area the opportunity of developing their choral musicianship in an organization uniquely suited to their voices and potential.

## 2. Can anyone apply?

Yes. The CGC has separate grade level choirs each with specific and appropriate educational and musical goals. Singers grades 2nd-3rd are not required to audition. They are accepted on a first come first served basis. Girls in grades 4th through 12th audition for placement in the choir.

**3. What should my daughter prepare for her audition (grades 4-12)?** Each girl is asked to perform "My Country 'Tis of Thee". A copy of this can be found on the choir website: [www.chattanoogagirlschoir.org](http://www.chattanoogagirlschoir.org) under the "audition" section. Vocal range may be determined through exercises or musical games. The process is short and informal.

## 4. Is there a deadline to join the choir?

We enroll girls over the summer for the fall semester, and allow enrollment in November/December for spring semester.

## 5. Is there a cost associated with membership?

Yes. Membership in the Chattanooga Girls Choir is based on a yearly tuition. The costs are comparable to other extracurricular children's activities. Tuition covers approximately 31 weeks of choral instruction from a professional music educator, t-shirts/polos, formal dress rental, accompanists' fees for rehearsals/performances, awards, staging expenses and more.

## 6. Is there tuition assistance available?

Yes. Need based scholarships are available to qualifying families. Families are asked to submit a scholarship form, letter of need and a copy of your most current federal tax return. The deadline for scholarship applications is October 1

## 7. Where and how often do the choirs perform?

All choirs perform two major CGC sponsored concerts each season. The CGC is frequently invited to perform for corporate and government agencies in Chattanooga as well as assisted living facilities, schools, churches, and other community venues, festivals and competitions.

## 8. What else do I need to know?

At the beginning of the season (August), there will be a choir informational meeting held for parents and members. At this meeting parents will be given information explaining the rehearsals, performances, fundraisers and due dates for the first semester. They will also be able to sign up for volunteer opportunities. Information regarding summer tours for members for the older choirs will also be provided.