Choir Scholarship

The Delaware State University Choir Scholarship recognizes student’s achievements and talents in the vocal arts.

Scholarship Awards
$1,000 to $4,000 Awards

These scholarships are in addition to any academic awards for which the student may qualify during the academic year. Scholarships are renewable each year, for a maximum of three years, by completing an audition and the attached form.

How to Apply:
Complete the Choir Scholarship Application form and submit it to Dr. Derrick Thompson, Director of Choirs (EH 286).

The deadline to apply for both fall and spring scholarships is by the add/drop period of the requested semester.

Scholarship Details:
Students invited to audition for a scholarship must prepare two contrasting pieces (more details below) and be prepared to interview with a faculty member.

Questions? Contact Dr. Derrick Thompson in the music department at (302) 857-7399 or dthompson@desu.edu.

Audition Information:
If your performance requires accompaniment, it is preferred that you bring your own accompanist or a high-quality accompaniment sound file. If you provide accompanist parts at the time of application submission, a staff accompanist will be available.

Prepare two classical or Broadway songs in contrasting nature (style, tempo, mood). Performance in a foreign language for at least one piece is encouraged but not required. Both pieces must be memorized (approximately 6 to 10 minutes total).

Requirements for Scholarship:
- GPA must remain higher than a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- Must be enrolled in courses full-time. If academic probation or suspension occurs, the student may lose their scholarship.
- Must participate in voice lessons and university choir during the entire academic year, receiving a letter grade of “B” or higher.
Delaware State University
Choir Scholarship Application

Name ________________________________________________________________

Last   First   Middle/Maiden

Street or P.O. Box ______________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State _____ Zip ______________________

Phone (_____) _________________________ E-mail _______________________________________

Education

High School Name __________________________________ Graduation Date ____________

Entrance Level _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior

If transferring, from which college ______________________________________________________

I would like to audition for study in: (check only ONE): _____ Voice _____ Instrumental

Present and former PRIVATE teacher(s): _________________________________________________

How long have you studied PRIVATELY? (no. of years) _________________________________

Pieces to be performed at audition; please include composer/arranger. Music MUST be
memorized (exception; instrumental majors).
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I will need an accompanist: _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, copies of the music must be submitted by the application deadline.

How many years of keyboard study? ______ Other instruments: _________________________

Music honors received: _____________________________________________________________

School and church music activities: _________________________________________________
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Interview Questions

1. Tell us about yourself.

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2. What is your greatest strength/weakness?

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3. Why do you deserve this scholarship?

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4. What are your career goals?

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5. Why did you choose the Delaware State Music Department?

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6. Is there anything else you would like to add?

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I authorize the committee to review my current Delaware State University transcript and other pertinent information available through the college records.

Signed _________________________ Date _________________________

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Thank you for your interest in the Choir Scholarship. Please return this application to:
Dr. Derrick Thompson
Director of Choirs
EH 286
Delaware State University
1200 DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901
(302) 857-7399

Audition Date: ______________________
Approved / Denied
Amount: ______________________
Initials/Date: ______________________