



Young Artist Scholarship Competition Cover Letter

This letter details the specifics for the 2026 competition.

At least one \$2,000.00 scholarship will be awarded.

The deadline for application submission is March 9, 2026. Applications may be mailed or sent online to joannevician@gmail.com. The thumb drive and photo as described on page one may be mailed separately.

Mail applications to:

The Chorale
c/o Joanne Vician
1109 Cobblefield Rd
Champaign IL 61822

After a review of all applications, finalists will be scheduled for in person auditions as follows:

Location: Faith United Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect Avenue, Champaign

Date: Sunday, April 12, 2026

Time: between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Schedule: 30 minute appointments will be set in advance

The winner/s will be announced the week of April 14, 2026.

The Young Artist Concert will be at 3:30 P.M. on Saturday May 9, 2026 at Faith United Methodist Church.

Please contact us with questions:

Joanne Vician at 217-840-2916 or joannevician@gmail.com

This cover letter and the scholarship application are on our website.

Click the "Scholarships" link at the top of the page.

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YOUNG ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Eligibility

The competition is open to any central Illinois area high school senior who will graduate this spring and will enroll in college or university this fall to continue musical studies.

Application Requirements

A complete application includes:

- A preliminary audition provided on a USB thumb drive labeled with your name
- Your music teacher's signature on the application form
- A one-page personal statement including musical and educational goals
- A short bio of your accomplishments suitable for use in our concert program on the USB thumb drive
- A head and shoulders color photo suitable for use in our advertising and concert program
photo must be in either JPEG or TIFF format
file size must be at least 1000 KB
- Be available for an in person audition
- If invited by the Director, be available to perform at the Young Artist Concert

Awards

- At least one scholarship will be awarded.
- Additional scholarship(s) may be awarded at the discretion of the audition committee.
- The selection of the winner(s) is the sole discretion of the audition committee.
- The winner/s may be asked to perform at the Young Artist Concert.

Audition Information

- Each applicant will be advised of a specific audition time.
- Come prepared to perform no more than 10 minutes of standard concert repertoire.
- Provide your own accompanist.
- The audition will include a personal interview with the audition committee.
- Audition times and location are noted on the cover letter.

The CHORALE Young Artist Scholarship Application Form

PRINT LEGIBLY IN INK

Note application submission deadline in cover letter

Name _____ Date _____

Voice/Instrument _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

High School GPA _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Years of Private Study _____

Teachers _____ From _____ To _____

_____ From _____ To _____

_____ From _____ To _____

Accompanist _____

Work to Perform at Audition _____

Composer _____

Previous Solo Appearances/Honors Received _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Name _____ Date _____

Colleges to Which You Have Applied _____

If chosen, are you available to perform and/or receive your scholarship at the concert date noted on the cover letter?

Yes _____ No _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

I feel this student meets the competition requirements and recommend this applicant be considered.

Music Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

Complete this form and mail with application materials below to the submission address noted on the cover letter.

Preliminary Audition on a USB thumb drive (labeled with your name)

Color head and shoulders photo on the USB thumb drive. Must be JPEG or TIFF format and at least 1,000 KB.

One page statement describing your musical and educational goals. (May be on USB thumb drive)

A brief bio of your accomplishments for use in our concert program on the USB thumb drive.