

Christ Church United Choral Scholars Ministry

Purpose and Description

The CCM Choral Scholars program is designed to encourage involvement of high school students in the CCM music program. It provides young people an opportunity to sing with a church choir with the goal of fostering lifelong participation in music ministry.

The Choral Scholars program offers up to four \$1500 yearly scholarships - \$750 for Spring semester (Jan. 15-June. 15) and \$750 for Fall semester (August 15 – December 25th).

Qualifications and Expectations

Any high school student actively enrolled in school is eligible to apply. Full participation and membership in the CCM Choir is required. This includes weekly rehearsals on Wednesday evening (6:30 -8:30 pm) and two (2) Sunday morning worship services (7:45am to 12:30pm commitment). Participation in Christmas Eve services, which may not fall on a Sunday, and up to two special concerts may be required. Occasional absences (up to 3 per each of the 2 semesters) from rehearsals and/or performances may be permitted with prior approval.

This opportunity will be challenging. The amount of music learned, and the pace and number of performances may be greater than that typical in high school, but recipients have a chance through this scholarship to receive funds for future educational purposes while doing something that you love to do.

Application Process

Step One - Complete and submit the application below.

Step Two – Submit an audio clip of both a traditional (classical) vocal excerpt and a Contemporary (CCM, Pop) vocal excerpt to Dennis Belisle, Worship & Music Director (dbelisle@cctw.org) and copied to Jesús Bravo, Assistant Music Director (jbravo@cctw.org). This can be a Capella or with accompaniment and does not need to be longer than 1-2 minutes.

Step Three – A committee selected by the CCM Director of Worship & Music will evaluate the audition materials of all applicants and select up to **four** individuals (**one soprano, one alto, one tenor, one bass**) to fill the Choral Scholars' positions. Positions will be offered at the beginning of the school year typically but may be offered at other times as the CCUM music ministry may deem necessary.

Contractual Highlights

CCM will agree to pay individuals selected as Choral Scholars the amount of \$1500 intended for use as a scholarship for current or future education. Scholarships will be paid in two installments (\$750 in December – 1st semester, \$750 in June – 2nd semester) following the completion of all stated duties. At the end of your time here, you may also request a formal recommendation letter for future job/college opportunities from the Director of Worship & Music.

Choral Scholars are also invited and encouraged to participate in the youth ministry of CCM or their home church.