



## Olympia Youth Chorus

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The mission of the Olympia Youth Chorus is to nurture the appreciation of choral art and the shared experience of creating fine choral music. Our staff provides a challenging, but non-threatening environment to help children build confidence and develop a teamwork attitude and goal-setting skills. The Olympia Youth Chorus is made up of well-rounded individuals who are enthusiastic about singing and enjoy school, family, and the pursuit of excellence.

The Olympia Youth Chorus meets every Monday evening at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in west Olympia. The first Junior Choir rehearsal is 4:30 – 5:15 pm; a second Junior Choir rehearsal is 5:30 – 6:15 pm; Cadet Choir rehearsal is 4:30-6:00 pm; Concert Choir rehearsal is 5:30-7:00, and Cantabile rehearsal is 7:00-8:30 pm. The Men's Ensemble rehearsal is on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

### **Registration process:**

The following forms **are required** per singer to enroll into the Olympia Youth Chorus:

1. \$25 non-refundable registration fee.
2. A signed contract to include tuition rates and waiver for participation.
3. Chorus Expectations form signed by both singer and parent.

### **Tuition/Payments:**

**First and last month's tuition or full payment is due 9/14/09.**

Tuition is \$405 per year for Junior Choir, \$540 per year for Cadet Choir, \$540 per year for Concert Choir, \$540 per year for Cantabile Choir, and \$540 for Men's Ensemble. Tuition may be paid annually or monthly, due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. **Tuition that is paid annually will receive a 5% discount if paid by September 14, 2009.** Parents registering more than one child will receive a 10% discount for the younger child. Tuition paid monthly will be paid for 9 months at the following monthly amounts: Junior Choir \$45 per month; Cadet Choir is \$60 per month; Concert Choir \$60 per month; and

Cantabile \$60 per month; Men's Ensemble \$60 per month. If payment is not made by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week or the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month your child will be removed from the roster.

Payments can be mailed to the OYC address or submitted at the beginning of each rehearsal. Parents are asked to please bring payments to the rehearsal and give to either Jenifer Morgan or Valerie Fluetsch. If you cannot pay with a check please make sure you receive a receipt for all cash payments at the time of payment. OYC does not accept credit card transactions.

**Uniform:**

The Olympia Youth Chorus uniform is the property of OYC and is **not to be worn** for school choir, band, orchestra, church or other events. All singers will have both an informal uniform (OYC polo shirt) and formal uniform.

For all performances, hair will be pulled back off of the face and all earrings must be discrete. Please no other jewelry or hair ornaments.

All singers are required to have the OYC polo shirt for informal performances and activities. The OYC polo shirt is also the Junior Choir formal uniform. The Cadet and Concert Choir formal uniform consists of a white tux shirt, bow tie, black skirt or pants, vest, black nylons, and black, **closed-toe shoes** (NO SANDALS or BOOTS of any type). The Cantabile formal uniform is issued jewelry, black velvet tops, taffeta skirts and black character shoes. Men's Ensemble formal uniform is black pants, black shoes, blue shirts, and black ties. **No exceptions** to the choir uniforms– choir members are to be unison in appearance. The vest, bow tie, black tie and all skirts are owned and furnished by OYC. Students are financially responsible for the remainder of their uniform.

Uniforms are expected to be neat in appearance and wrinkle-free. For performances, the tux shirtsleeves and any pants should be pressed. All skirts should be hung to remove wrinkles. The black wool skirts are custom made and **MUST NOT BE WASHED. THEY WILL SHRINK. Uniforms will be returned at our last rehearsal in June.** At the end of the season, after uniforms are inventoried, they are all professionally dry-cleaned. OYC will be responsible for providing the dry cleaning.

If uniforms are damaged, lost, or need to be replaced for any reason, at the discretion of OYC, the following fees apply:

Taffeta skirt	\$55.00	Jewelry set	\$18.00
Blue Vest	\$40.00	Black Skirt	\$20.00
Bow Tie	\$ 5.00	Black Tie	\$25.00
Buttons (flat fee)	\$ 5.00	Late return fee	\$20.00

Please take excellent care of the uniform inventoried to your son/daughter. It should be returned in the same condition as when it was handed out.

**Music:**

Music and a numbered folder will be issued to singers at the beginning of the year. If your singer loses his/her folder **the replacement fee is \$30**. If your student does not turn in an individual piece of music the replacement fee is **\$2 per piece of music** lost. Singers will be given practice CD's at various times throughout the year.

**OLYMPIA YOUTH CHORUS**  
**PARTICIPANT EXPECTATION & RESPONSIBILITY GUIDELINES**

Being a member of the Olympia Youth Chorus carries responsibilities for both participant and parent/guardian. Both parents/guardians and singer need to read the following information carefully. Please return the Agreement Form with your registration packet, acknowledging abiding by these guidelines.

As a member of the Olympia Youth Chorus, I agree to the following:

1. I will be present at all concerts. Performances are communicated well in advance and **participation is mandatory**. Absent singers affect the rest of his/her vocal section and the choir as a whole. OYC is a professional organization. Concerts are a requirement of this organization. It is vital that parents/guardians support this expectation. A student who is absent from a concert without prior arrangements with the director, may be removed from the choir roster.
2. I will be present at all dress rehearsals. Dress rehearsals are a mandatory part of concert presentation.
3. I will be prompt at rehearsals. Late arrivals are disruptive to the rest of the choir and the conducting director.
4. I will be prepared with materials. Each chorus member shall have music folder, pencil, and a water bottle at each rehearsal.
5. I will have OYC music homework completed. OYC meets once a week. That means there are often only six rehearsals before a concert. Singers are expected to prepare their music outside of the regular rehearsal. Practice CD's are issued to assist with this.
6. I will be respectful of the director, accompanist, OYC staff, and other chorus members. Talking, chewing gum, and arriving late are disrespectful and disruptive. Cell phones are to be turned off and put away.
7. I will not use any alcohol, tobacco, or any illicit drug or any drug look-alike at any OYC- related function. Any use or simulation of use will not be tolerated. Immediate dismissal from the organization may result without tuition refund.
8. If a rehearsal absence is to occur, I will inform my singer's choir director or the program manager via email or phone message. Any student who misses three rehearsals, unexcused, will not be allowed to perform in the upcoming concert.
9. I will present myself in a professional manner at all concerts and public outings I will dress appropriately for all concerts and outings. I will wear the assigned uniform for each choir level.
10. As a member of OYC, I will have FUN!

## OYC RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT

I have read and accept the Expectation and Responsibilities Guidelines (please keep that sheet for your reference) required of me as a member of the Olympia Youth Chorus. I further agree to abide by these requirements and understand that failure to do so will result in being removed from the OYC roster.

Choir Level: Junior Cadet Concert Cantabile Men's Ensemble

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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As a parent of an OYC member, I hereby agree that my student and I have read the Expectation and Responsibilities Guidelines of the Olympia Youth Chorus. I understand that failure to follow these guidelines will result in my chorus member being removed from the OYC rosters.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## WAIVER FOR PARTICIPATION

In consideration of the Olympia Youth Chorus accepting my child's entry into this program, I personally, on behalf of my child, assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activity. I do further release, absolve, and waive any right to bring a claim, action, suit, or other proceeding against the Olympia Youth Chorus, its Staff, Directors, or Sponsors, for damages due to any injuries suffered as a result of participation in the program except for the sole negligence of the Olympia Youth Chorus.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, you may add my child's name and telephone number to a roster that may be distributed only to members of the choir if a copy is requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, you may use my child's picture for publicity purposes (photos are taken during events for our website; individual names are not published).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Please circle the appropriate choir)

**Junior Choir**

**Cadet Choir**

**Concert Choir**

**Cantabile**

**Men's Ensemble**

**OLYMPIA YOUTH CHORUS – REGISTRATION 2009-2010**

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!!**

Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**(Most choir communication is through email.)**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (circle Father or Mother): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Second Household Information (if you want information sent here as well):

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies, physical ailments, etc. that may interfere with singing, such as asthma, back problems, chronic sinus infections. Also, list treatment (medications, etc.)

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION**

Parent help is **CRUCIAL** to the success of our program. We need two (2) volunteer “Choir Parent Assistants” per choir to help throughout the year.

\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in being a volunteer ‘Choir Parent Assistant’ to help with the \_\_\_\_\_ Choir. Duties include taking attendance, assisting with music folders, decorum.

For all other parents, please select at least one area where you will provide support:

**Uniforms**

\_\_\_ Distribution

\_\_\_ Collection

**Public Relations**

\_\_\_ Distributing posters/flyers

\_\_\_ Fundraising

**Performances/Concerts**

\_\_\_ Supervision

\_\_\_ Dress Rehearsal

\_\_\_ Refreshments

\_\_\_ Ushering

\_\_\_ Ticket Sales

**Retreats**

\_\_\_ Chaperoning

\_\_\_ Snacks

## TUITION REGISTRATION

You are registering your child for a nine-month educational program. Tuition for the year (September-May) is: Junior Choir - \$405; Cadet Choir - \$540; Concert Choir - \$540; Cantabile \$540; Men's Ensemble - \$540. If you wish to pay in installments, please check option below. There will be no refunds for missed classes. Parents registering more than one child will receive a 10% deduction on the younger child's tuition.

*A \$25 registration fee is due with this form.*

\_\_\_ I prefer to pay in full and receive a 5% discount, if paid by September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ Men's Ensemble - \$513.00 plus \$25 registration fee if paid by September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ Cantabile - \$513.00 plus \$25 registration fee if paid by September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ Concert Choir - \$513.00 plus \$25 registration fee if paid by September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ Cadet Choir - \$513.00 plus \$25 registration fee if paid by September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ Junior Choir - \$384.75 plus \$25 registration fee if paid by September 14, 2009

\_\_\_ I will make nine (9) monthly payments of \$60 for the Men's Ensemble; first payment of \$120 for September and May plus \$25 registration fee is due September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ I will make nine (9) monthly payments of \$60 for the Cantabile; first payment of \$120 for September and May plus \$25 registration fee is due September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ I will make nine (9) monthly payments of \$60 for Concert Choir; first payment of \$120 for September and May plus \$25 registration fee is due September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ I will make nine (9) monthly payments of \$60 for Cadet Choir; first payment of \$120 for September and May plus \$25 registration fee is due September 14, 2009.

\_\_\_ I will make nine (9) monthly payments of \$44 for Junior Choir; first payment of \$90 for September and May plus \$25 registration fee is due September 14, 2009.

**PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH!**