



Donald Stafford Scholarship Application Form

Each year, the Cherokee Chorale offers a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a student graduating from a Cherokee County School who seeks to further his/her education in Music Performance, Sacred Music, or Music Education at a college or university in Georgia. The scholarship is offered in honor of Donald Stafford, one of the founders and long-time conductors of the Cherokee Chorale.

In order to be considered for this scholarship, please complete all sections of this application and return it to the address below, postmarked ***no later than March 23, 2027..*** The Director's Evaluation Form should be completed by your high school music teacher and should be sent directly to the address below.

Determination of the scholarship award shall be made no later than April 12, 2027 and shall be communicated to the applicant. The Chorale reserves the right to award no scholarship if it determines there is no appropriate recipient. Any decision of the Chorale is final. Scholarship funds shall be paid directly to the student's school of choice, in their name.

Please submit applications by email to secretary@cherokeechorale.org

Linda Lokey, Chorale Scholarship Chair

Donald Stafford

Music Scholarship Application

Directions for Completion of this Application:

1. Read through the entire document.
2. Complete all of the sections of this application.
3. Give the Director's Evaluation form to your school music teacher and ask him/her to mail it directly to the Cherokee Chorale.
4. Have your parent or legal guardian sign below

Applicant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

School Currently
Attending: _____

Date: _____

I understand that I must be a graduating senior at the end of this school year in order to be awarded this scholarship, that I must attend a college or university in Georgia in the next school year, and that I must enroll in a music degree program (Bachelor of Music in Performance, Bachelor of Music in Sacred Music, or Bachelor of Music Education). I also understand that, if I am awarded this scholarship, I am expected to attend the Chorale's Spring concert on April 24, 2027 to be recognized publicly by the Chorale. If I am awarded the scholarship and I fail to meet any of these requirements, I forfeit my scholarship and I agree to return any and all of the funds from this award.

Student signature: _____

I, the parent or legal guardian of _____ (student name) understand that my child is applying for this scholarship and that, if awarded this scholarship, he/she is bound by the conditions listed above. I also agree that, if my child is awarded this scholarship, general information about this award will be released to the press.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Part I: Academic Music Studies Section

Check years of participation

Ensemble Participation (list types of ensemble, e.g., concert choir, chamber choir, etc.)	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior

What is your voice range?

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Soprano

☐

Alto

☐

Tenor

☐

Baritone/Bass

What other musical instruments do you play? _____

Describe up to three of your musical activities outside of school.

Include a description, the date, and the location. Include the names of any notable directors, if applicable.

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List any private music lessons taken in the past 4 years.

Instrument studied (or voice)	How Long	Instructor's Name

Part II: Educational Intent and Goals

Directions: Write a paragraph explaining how you plan to continue your musical education. Include any post-secondary institutions to which you have applied or have been accepted.

Part III: Community Contributions

Directions: Write a paragraph that describes how you have contributed to the music program at your high school including leadership, fund raisers, participation, etc.

Part IV: Awards and Activities (by grade in school)

Honors and Awards	9	10	11	12	Activity or Group
Leadership Position	9	10	11	12	Activity or Organization
Co-Curricular Activities (see Below)	9	10	11	12	Accomplishments
Extracurricular Activities (See Below)	9	10	11	12	Accomplishments
Job Experience	9	10	11	12	Responsibilities

“Co-Curricular Activities” are those related to school such as team sports, school clubs, and school committees.

“Extracurricular Activities” are outside of school such as Boy or Girl Scouts, volunteer work, community service work.

Director's Evaluation

Directions for the Student: Detach this from the main application prior to completion; submit this document to your high school music director for his/her completion.

For the Director: This student is applying to the Cherokee Chorale for consideration for the \$1,000 Donald Stafford music scholarship. Your honest evaluation of this student will help us find a worthy recipient of these funds. We would appreciate either a letter of recommendation which would address the areas mentioned below, or simply complete this form as-is. Please return this directly to: secretary@cherokeechorale.org; **do not give it to the student**. Your answers will be kept in strictest confidence.

Student's Name: _____

1=lowest; 5=highest

1. Student is cooperative

1 2 3 4 5

2. Student is willing to admit mistakes

1 2 3 4 5

3. Student demonstrates responsibility

1 2 3 4 5

4. Student communicates Ideas clearly

1 2 3 4 5

5. Student has an accurate perception of his/her ability

1 2 3 4 5

6. Student displays perseverance

1 2 3 4 5

7. Student takes Initiative

1 2 3 4 5

8. Student participates in music outside the school

1 2 3 4 5

9. Student is viewed as a leader and role model by his/her peers

1 2 3 4 5

10. Student is likely to experience success in music at the post-high-school level

1 2 3 4 5

Why do you consider this student a worthy candidate for this scholarship?

Director's name (please print)

Director's signature