



Allegro Choir Auditions

Thank you for auditioning! Please note the following:

1. Bravo to you! It takes a tremendous amount of courage to audition. The audition process is a great learning experience no matter the outcome! You should be proud of yourself for just signing up!
2. You will be notified of the results sometime in early May.
3. If you are invited to join the choir, the acceptance form and a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due before June 1st. If you do not reply by the June 1st, your place in the choir will be relinquished to someone on the waiting list.
4. As part of our community service, singers are encouraged to participate in their school music programs. You are a leader and the skills you learn with us should, in turn, be shared with others!
5. Wondering which Allegro Choir is for your singer? Please read below for descriptions of our 3 choirs.
6. We also encourage you to take a peek at our website. The Allegro Handbook is available and contains lots of information about our organization! Our website address is www.allegrocc.org.

Concert Season Schedule:

Allegro's Concert Season schedule will be sent to you in the June 1 mailing. It will also be available online, 24 hours a day along with a variety of other information. Our first activity of each season is a mandatory Parent/Singer meeting held in early August. Allegro's website is www.allegrocc.org.

Information about Poco Choir (Grades 3-6):

Poco is an energetic, introductory choir that offers a weekly "mini voice lesson" in beginning choral techniques including beautiful head tone, pure vowels, proper breath support, independent singing, and self-confidence. Concepts are taught in a structured, yet fun and nurturing atmosphere.

Rehearsal/Performance Schedule: Poco rehearses from 5:00-6:15 on Monday nights during the school year at Atonement Lutheran Church located at 9948 Metcalf in Overland Park with one retreat at the beginning of the year and another retreat in January. A mandatory Parent/Singer meeting is held the beginning of August. Singers are expected to spend 15-30 minutes each week on assigned music. Poco performs in 3 major concerts, one day tour in our community, and several times in our community at retirement homes and at special functions.

Music/Vocal/Behavior/Expectations: Poco is a year long commitment. Poco choir members learn approximately 15 pieces of music during the concert season. The music selections are of the highest quality and may include classical, folk, multicultural, sacred, and foreign language songs. Singers in Poco must be able to focus for an hour and be able to work well with others! Singers must be able to match pitch. Members are expected to attend weekly rehearsals and all concerts. Poco is a great way to introduce your singer to the art performing and beautiful singing.

Cost: Tuition is \$425 for Poco members. Poco ladies wear dresses. The approximate cost is \$80. Ladies also need to purchase black hose and black dress shoes with a low heel. Gentlemen wear black pants, banded collar shirt (no bow tie) and a black vest. Gentlemen must purchase the shirt and vest for approximately \$50 and secure their own black pants and black dress shoes. The only additional cost is Day Tour which costs approximately \$25.

Poco Tuition Payment Amounts and Dates

\$100 Due with Acceptance Card due by June 1

\$200 Due July 1

\$125 Due October 1

Information about Moto (Grades 6 and up):

Allegro Con Moto is an outstanding choir full of Kansas City's finest young singers. Singers experience intense, exhilarating weekly rehearsals focusing on age-appropriate vocal techniques taught through a variety of challenging music. Singers make friends from all over the Kansas City metro.

Rehearsal/Performance Schedule: Moto rehearses from 5:45 to 7:15 on Monday nights during the school year at Atonement Lutheran Church located at 9948 Metcalf in Overland Park. Members also participate in two retreats each semester as well as two Sunday afternoon rehearsals and a few extra symphony rehearsals. Small group lessons are also held several times per year at the director's house. A mandatory Parent/Singer meeting is held the beginning of August. Singers are expected to spend 60 minutes each week on assigned music. Moto performs in 3 major concerts, one regional tour, and several times in our community at retirement homes and at special functions. Moto will tour nationally once every 3-4 years. Next Season, Moto will perform with the Kansas City Symphony "The Magic of Christmas" and will need to commit to these 5 performances in December as well.

Music/Vocal/Behavior/Expectations: Moto requires a year-long commitment. Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and performances and participate in tour. Moto choir members will learn approximately 20 pieces of music during the concert season. The music is of the highest caliber and includes classical, multicultural, sacred, folk, and foreign languages selections. Singers in Moto must be able to focus for an extended amount of time and be able to work well with others! Singers must be able to match pitch at all times and be secure with their notes if singing harmony. Singers are expected to spend 60 minutes each week marking their music, practicing, learning notes, and memorizing music outside of rehearsal time.

Cost: Tuition is \$550 for Moto members. Moto ladies wear dresses. The approximate cost is \$80. Ladies also need to purchase black hose and black dress shoes with a low heel. Gentlemen wear black pants, banded collar shirt (no bow tie) and a black vest. Gentlemen must purchase the shirt and vest for approximately \$50 and secure their own black pants and black dress shoes. The only additional cost is tour which varies from year to year.

Moto Tuition Payment Amounts and Dates

\$100 Due with the Acceptance Card by June 1

\$200 Due July 1

\$250 Due October 1

Information about Brio (Grades 8-12):

Allegro Con Brio is the premier touring choir in the region. Brio is open to singers with at least one year of experience in Allegro Con Moto.

Financial Assistance:

We want the choirs to be accessible to every interested singer regardless of financial circumstances. Scholarship assistance for tuition is available for qualifying singers. The scholarship application is available on our website and is due to the Allegro office by June 1.

We also offer simple, effective options to help reduce the cost of tuition, uniform, and/or tour expenses such as:

1. We encourage all members to download the sponsor packets off of the web. The sponsorship packets are a great way to offset the costs by finding business donors or business ads.
2. Grocery store coupon books are also available at all times! If you shop at Hyvee or Price Chopper, you can knock off several hundred dollars very easily!!
3. Other fundraisers such as gift certificates to Panera Bread, Johnson Farms Flower Gift Certificates and more are offered throughout the year. Take advantage of these simple ways to help!
4. Singers receive 70% of all fundraiser income they generate in the form of credit to their Allegro account. This credit can be applied to any Allegro invoice. The remaining 30% of fundraiser income is deposited into Allegro's General Fund to benefit all choir members.

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