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Madison Diocesan Choir Youth Pastoral Musician Scholarship Award

The Madison Diocesan Choir Youth Pastoral Musician Scholarship Award is designed to support youth participation in music ministries within the Madison Diocese and its parishes. These scholarships are meant to encourage continued participation in music ministries by supporting summer music education by the youth attending a summer music clinic.

Scholarship applicant criteria

- ❖ Belong to a parish in the Madison Diocese
- ❖ Participate in regularly scheduled music ministries (vocal or instrumental)
- ❖ Be finishing 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 grade
- ❖ Participate in a summer music clinic or workshop

Application Process

- ❖ Complete the attached registration form, including a signature from a parish staff member
- ❖ Complete an original essay (1-2 pages) by responding to these two questions: *"Why do I participate in music ministry? How will attending a summer music clinic help me in this endeavor?"*
- ❖ Completed applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2020.
- ❖ Please mail to:

*Madison Diocesan Choir
702 South High Point Rd
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Or email to:

scholarship@madisondiocese.org

Selection process:

- ❖ Youth must meet all the applicant criteria and submit all required materials (completed registration form and original essay) in order to be considered. The Madison Diocesan choir scholarship committee will determine which applicants meet the criteria.
- ❖ All applicants meeting the selection criteria will be entered into a random drawing for an award. One award will be designated for students finishing 6, 7, or 8th grade; one award will be designated for students finishing 9, 10, or 11th grades. If no applications are received for either group, both awards may be presented to the other group.
- ❖ Preference will go towards new (vs former) recipients of the award.
- ❖ In the event that no youth meet all the criteria, no scholarship will be awarded.
- ❖ Children of Madison Diocesan Choir members are ineligible for an award.

FAQ page: Youth Pastoral Musician Scholarship Award

Q: How are the award winners decided?

A: Winners will be selected by a random drawing from all eligible applicants. There will be two award categories: one for students finishing 6th, 7th, or 8th grades and one for students finishing 9th, 10th, or 11th grades. To be considered for an award, you must:

- Be active in music ministry at your parish.
- Belong to a parish in the Madison Diocese.
- Attend a summer music clinic (and provide proof of this).
- Turn in a completed application form (including a parish representative signature).
- Submit your original essay.

Q: What is the amount of the award?

A: The scholarship award is \$500 per participant.

Q: What are some examples of summer music clinics?

A: A summer music clinic is any multi-day event where a student performs and/or learns with other students. The clinic the student attends does not have to be within the Diocese of Madison; many universities such as UW-Madison, UW-Green Bay, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Whitewater offer summer music clinics. If you have questions about whether the clinic you are attending qualifies, please contact the scholarship committee at scholarship@madisondiocese.org.

Q: What does 'regularly scheduled music ministry' mean?

A: This means you participate a scheduled music ministry that is not a one-time event. For example: singing in a Children's choir for Christmas Eve, including all the rehearsals leading up to it is regularly scheduled. Singing one time at a funeral or wedding would not be regularly scheduled.

Q: What is a parish representative?

A: Someone who works at the parish who can verify you belong to that parish and are involved in music ministry.

Q: Is this restricted to children's choir members?

A: No – any student involved in music ministry. This includes all instruments as well as vocals.

Q: When will the winners be announced?

A: Award winners will be announced no later than May 31, 2020.

Q: What is the deadline for application?

A: All materials must be postmarked by April 1, 2020.



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Application Form

Please tell us about yourself:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Current Grade _____

Which music clinic are you attending? _____

Location _____

Dates _____

*Please include proof of registration with your application. This may include - but is not limited to -
a copy of an acceptance letter or a copy of a down-payment receipt.*

**I consent to public notification and publicity in the event of a scholarship award being given to the
applicant named here: _____ (applicant name)**

Parent signature:

Signed, _____

Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

***** See reverse side. *****

Please tell us about your parish:

Parish _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Pastor's Name _____

Parish signature:

I certify that _____ (applicant name here) **is involved**
with music ministry at _____ (parish name here).

Signed, _____ (name & parish position)

Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____