

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The 2010 Lutheran Youth Choir of North America will meet between June 15 through June 27 or 28, depending on individuals' plan to return home. The choir is open to new students completing grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in spring 2010, as well as returning college students. The Lutheran Youth Choir of North America does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, gender, disability, or national or ethnic origin. If you have questions, please contact us via email at info@lutheranyouthchoir.org.

Please complete your application in black ink and submit it, along with related materials, in a single envelope as soon as possible with deadlines indicated here: EARLY REGISTRATION AND SELECTION JANUARY 4, 2010. If selected, a tuition credit of \$100 will apply in addition to any other adjustments. The REGULAR DEADLINE for applications is APRIL 1, 2010.

Your completed application packet should include:

- **Audition Recording** Follow guidelines below.
- **Applicant Information Form** Complete all the pages of the forms below.
- **Personal Essay** Write no more than 400 words and attach essay to Applicant Information Form.
- **Musical Recommendation** Ask your choir director, voice instructor or other credible musician to complete the form on page 5 and return it to you for inclusion with your application.
- **Personal Recommendation** Ask your pastor, teacher or other credible adult (a non-family member) to complete the form on page 5 and return it to you for inclusion with your application.
- **Photo Release Form** Complete the form on page 6.

Please mail all required documents to reach us by the deadline to:

*Allan Cheshire, Business Manager
Lutheran Youth Choir of North America
156 N. Milton Ave.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137*

Selected participants will be notified by April 15, 2010.

AUDITION RECORDING

Please provide a recording of you singing. Acceptable formats for the recording are CD or standard audio cassette (no micro cassettes, no video). The recording and its case must be marked with the applicant's name, address and phone number.

Your recording must contain only the following:

- **Identification** Clearly state your name, age, home city and state, and vocal part.
- **Accompanied Song** Please sing a song of your choice, accompanied by piano only. First clearly state the name of the song, the composer and the key in which you will sing. Choose a song that shows your voice in its best light, not one that is too complex to sing well. Be certain your voice is more prominent than the piano on the recording.
- **Hymn** Please sing, a cappella (without accompaniment), the first stanza of one of the following two familiar hymns: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* or *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*. These hymns can be found in any standard hymnal.
- **Major Scale** Please sing, a cappella (without accompaniment), a major scale, ascending and descending, on the syllable "lah" at a medium tempo, on one breath if possible. Choose a key that is comfortable for you in the middle of your range. Clearly state the key of the major scale before you sing it.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

You

Full Name (first, middle, last) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip, Country _____

Gender (circle one): **Male** **Female**

Date of Birth (month, day, year) _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Shirt Size (circle one): **S** **M** **L** **XL** **XXL**

Grade in Fall 2009 (circle one): **Freshman** **Sophomore** **Junior** **Senior** **2010 Grad**

How did you find out about the Lutheran Youth Choir? _____

Your Church

Name of Congregation _____

Denomination (Lutheran, Catholic, Presbyterian, etc.) _____

Church Body (ELCA, LCMS, WELS, etc.) _____

Name of Pastor(s) _____

Congregation's Street Address _____

Congregation's City, State, Zip, Country _____

Your Parents/Guardians

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip, Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Your Recommendations

Referred By (if applicable) _____

Name of Person Giving You a *Musical* Recommendation _____

Email _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip, Country _____

Phone _____

Name of Person Giving You a *Personal* Recommendation _____

Email _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip, Country _____

Phone _____

Your Musicianship

What part do you sing best? (circle one): **Soprano** **Alto** **Tenor** **Bass**

Please list the musical activities that hold the most significance to you, such as instruments played, membership in choirs and other ensembles, honors received, etc. *Please limit your response to the space below.*

How well do you read music? _____

Your Other Activities

Please list the church, school, community and individual activities that hold the most significance for you. Include activities such as hobbies, athletics, Scouts, 4-H, forensics, theater, church youth activities, student leadership and volunteer work. *Please limit your response to the space below.*

Personal Essay

In 400 words or fewer, explain why you want to sing in the Lutheran Youth Choir of North America, the unique gifts you will bring to the choir, and what you hope to gain through the experience. Be certain to include a discussion of the role of music in your daily life. *(Please write or type your essay on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application.)*

Your Availability

Are you available the entire two weeks of the choir's 2010 tour, from June 15 through June 27 or 28, 2010? **Yes** **No**
(Students selected for the choir will commit to participating in the entire program, without absence.)

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

MUSICAL RECOMMENDATION

Because of your relationship with the applicant in a musical setting, you have been asked to write this recommendation for his or her participation in the Lutheran Youth Choir of North America. Your comments will help the selection committee assemble a choir of gifted young people who are eager to grow musically and spiritually. For more information about the Lutheran Youth Choir, visit our web site at www.lutheranyouthchoir.org.

Name of Applicant You are Recommending _____

Your Name _____

Your Street Address _____

Your City, State, Zip, Country _____

Your Email _____ Your Daytime Phone _____

Your Position/Qualifications _____

What is the length and nature of your relationship with the applicant (private voice teacher for four years, school choir director for one year, etc.)? _____

Evaluation of vocal skills and musicianship (check one rating in each category):

	4 Outstanding	3 Good	2 Fair	1 Poor
Sight-reading				
Vocal technique				
Rhythm				
Intonation				
Diction/articulation				
General musicianship				
Tone quality				

Please provide a character reference for the applicant. What makes the student an exceptional candidate for the Lutheran Youth Choir? Please address qualities such as maturity, spirit, passion and responsibility.

If you need space beyond that provided below, please limit your attachment to one single-sided page.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this completed form to the applicant for submission. Please allow time for him or her to meet the application deadline of April 1, 2010.

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

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Your Name _____

Your Street Address _____

Your City, State, Zip, Country _____

Your Email _____ Your Daytime Phone _____

Your Position/Qualifications _____

What is the length and nature of your relationship with the applicant (pastor for three years, Scout leader for five years, etc.)? _____

Please provide a specific example illustrating the applicant's capacity for leadership. *If you need space beyond that provided below, please limit your attachment to one single-sided page.*

Please provide a character reference for the applicant. What makes him or her an exceptional candidate for the Lutheran Youth Choir? In addition to musical talent, please address qualities such as maturity, spirit, passion and responsibility. *If you need space beyond that provided below, please limit your attachment to one single-sided page.*

Signature _____ Date _____

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PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby consent to and authorize the use, recording and reproduction of any photographs, and audio or video presentations that may be taken of me by staff or students of the Lutheran Youth Choir of North America. Such materials will be used for educational purposes and promotion of the choir. I hereby release the Lutheran Youth Choir from any claim by me for damage to my person, property or reputation, or for invasion of my privacy. I affirm that the Lutheran Youth Choir is the owner of all rights and that no monetary consideration is due and owing me for participation. All negatives, prints, audiotapes and videotapes shall constitute the property of the Lutheran Youth Choir solely and completely. This consent form is valid from the date below until withdrawal of consent is received in writing from the person whose signature is indicated below.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Print Applicant's Name in Full _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip, Country _____