TAMPA BAY CHILDREN'S CHORUS

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Tampa Bay Children's Chorus (TBCC) recognizes that some children may not be able to participate in TBCC because of financial difficulty. The scholarship program enables as many children as possible to participate in all aspects of TBCC's activities.

Scholarship awards are based on demonstrable financial need. Because the amount of each award is partly dependent on the nature of the applicant pool, the Choir cannot specify the likely amount of an award in advance of the process.

Scholarship awards are determined by eligibility for free or reduced lunch as described by Hillsborough County Public School guidelines, the applicant's total household income, and the number of persons being supported by such income. Unusual or unforeseen financial challenges are also considered, with involuntary expenses given more weight than voluntary ones.

Applications that are not filled in completely, that are not signed, or that do not have all requested documentation attached will not be reviewed. Scholarship applications and related materials are held in strictest confidence. The TBCC Board of Directors Finance Committee reviews each applicant's financial need and the availability of TBCC scholarship funds, determines an appropriate level of financial assistance, and notifies families of the scholarship terms.

TBCC Executive Board also reviews applications for scholarship assistance from families that do not fall within the financial guidelines. Families must present evidence to support the request such as proof of medical expenses and income statements from all working family members.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE INCOME GUIDELINES
2012-2013 SEASON

The Tampa Bay Children's Chorus (TBCC) Finance Committee considers eligibility for scholarship assistance based on household size and income. Income is defined as total gross income before taxes and deductions, social security, welfare, child support, and disability. The annual tuition influences the amount of scholarship assistance granted.

- Families with an income below the amounts in the following table are considered for scholarship assistance up to the full cost of TBCC tuition.
- Families with an income near the income guidelines and up to 20% over the amounts in the following table are considered for partial tuition funding.
- No scholarship assistance is awarded if actual income is more than 20% above the amounts in the following table unless the family provides proof of financial hardship at the time of the application.

The following table presents household size and income levels that Hillsborough County uses to determine free or reduced lunch eligibility.

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	20,147	1,679	388
2	27,214	2,268	524
3	34,281	2,857	660
4	41,348	3,446	796
5	48,415	4,035	932
6	55,482	4,624	1067
7	62,549	5,213	1,203
8	69,616	5,802	1,339
For each additional family member - ADD +	7,067	589	136

Every participating family is asked to pay some part of the cost. TBCC asks that all families pay the registration fee for each child but will consider partial payment.

Families requesting to participate in the scholarship program must submit a scholarship assistance application each year.

Please send questions about TBCC's Scholarship Assistance Program to tbcchorus@gmail.com or contact the Program Manager at 813-977-5558.

Tampa Bay Children's Chorus

Scholarship Assistance Program Application

Contact Information

Mother/Guardian 1 Name _____

Father/Guardian 2 Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

List each child who has been accepted into TBCC.

Child's Name	School Grade	Choir (Cantate/ Concert/ Chamber)

List each person in the household and earned income for each person

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Gross Monthly Income
				$
				$
				$
				$
				$

Total Monthly Earned Income $ _____

List additional household income

Income Type	Amount Received Per Month
Welfare	$
Food Stamps	$
Social Security	$
AFDC	$
Child Support/Alimony	$
Other Assistance	$
Total Additional Monthly Income	$
Total Household Monthly Income (Add Total Monthly Earned Income and Total Additional Monthly Income)	$

Additional Information

Does the applying chorister receive free or reduced lunch? Yes ____ No ____

Total income of all members of the Household on last year's IRS return $ _____

Please attach copies of the following documents.

- Federal Income Tax Return Tax Form, which has been signed by you.
- W-2 forms for 2011
- Monthly pay roll information if your income has changed since the 2011 tax year.
- If you are not required to file an Income Tax Return, please attach proof of your income such as your welfare check, AFDC Voucher, Social Security check, or child support check.

NOTE: If these documents are not attached, the TBCC Finance Committee will not review your application for scholarship assistance.

Please let us know about special circumstances to support your request.

Funds for our scholarship program are gathered from many sources. Donors are interested in how TBCC makes a difference in choristers' lives. Please tell us how TBCC makes a difference in your life.

I understand that my acceptance of scholarship aid enabling my child to participate in the Tampa Bay Children's Chorus (TBCC) is an agreement between TBCC and me. For the scholarship assistance I receive, I agree that my chorister will participate fully in TBCC for the term of the scholarship award. I understand that my child's participation in every rehearsal and performance is required, that I will ensure that my child conducts herself/himself in a manner appropriate to achieving the aims of the chorus; I understand that excessive absences or disciplinary problems are grounds to dismiss my child from the chorus and to revoke a scholarship award. If my economic circumstances improve sufficiently during the term of any scholarship aid I receive, I will notify the Chorus Treasurer that scholarship aid is no longer required for the remainder of that term so that the scholarship can be redirected to another chorister in need.
i have read the Scholarship Program, the Scholarship Assistance Income Guidelines, I have provided true and correct information in The Scholarship Assistance Program Application to the best of my knowledge, and I have attached documents that support this scholarship application.

Print Name	Signature	Date

Please sign and mail your competed scholarship application with supporting documents to:

Tampa Bay Children's Chorus
Attention: Treasurer
502 Druid Hills Road
Temple Terrace, Florida 33617-3853

TO BE COMPLETED BY TBCC FINANCE COMMITTEE Date Received _____

Tuition Levels for 2012-2013 season

Child's Name	**Tuition Amount**
_____	$ _____
_____	$ _____
_____	$ _____
_____	$ _____

_____	_____	_____
Finance Committee Member Name	Finance Committee Member Signature	(Date)