



Vocal/Choral Music Scholarships

Choral Scholars Program

Through the Choral Scholars Program, the Vocal/Choral Department at TSU is offering merit scholarships of \$2,000 per year to students with exceptional vocal, choral, and sight-reading skills. Each year, two SATB quartets of students will be chosen for this prestigious scholarship which will require participation in the University Choir and its chamber ensemble, Meistersingers. It is a requirement that the applicant will pursue a primary or secondary degree in **Music Education, Commercial Music, or Liberal Arts with a Music Concentration** in order to qualify for this scholarship. The scholarship is renewable each year, provided the student continues to participate in University Choir and Meistersingers and maintains good attendance and leadership in those ensembles.

The following is required in order to apply for this scholarship. Materials are due by **one week prior to your audition** and should be submitted to Dr. Susan Kelly at skelly7@tnstate.edu.

- 1) Submit a résumé of vocal/choral experiences.
- 2) Submit two letters of recommendation which speak to your musical abilities and reliability as an ensemble member.
- 3) Arrange for an on-campus audition on one of the following dates:

Saturday, November 23

Saturday, February 15

Saturday, April 4

While we prefer you to do an on-campus audition, it is also possible to audition online on these dates if an on-campus audition is not possible.

For the audition:

- Sing three contrasting solo compositions prepared from memory that demonstrate technical facility and musicianship. Art songs, aria, spirituals, musical theater songs, and folk songs are best. It is recommended, but not required, that one of the selections be in a foreign language; i.e., French, German, or Italian. An accompanist will be provided—please provide sheet music.
- We will also assess your ability to learn music through both tonal memory exercises and sight-reading.

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There are also scholarships available for students of any major who show exemplary gifts as choral singers.

Current TSU Students

If you are a current TSU student, please schedule an audition/interview at your earliest convenience with Dr. Susan Kelly at skelly7@tnstate.edu.

Prospective TSU Students

If you are not yet a TSU student, the following is required in order to apply for this scholarship. Materials are due by **April 1, 2020** and should be submitted to Dr. Susan Kelly at skelly7@tnstate.edu.

- 1) Submit a résumé of vocal/choral experiences.
- 2) Submit two letters of recommendation which speak to your musical abilities and reliability as an ensemble member.
- 3) Submit a link to a video which demonstrates your vocal ability, either through performance of a solo song or performance of your voice part of a choral work.

The **University Choir** is an 85-voice concert choir comprised of men and women of all majors who share an interest in choral singing. The UChoir performs great choral repertoire of various styles, including Classical, Spirituals, and Gospel.

Meistersingers, meaning “master singers” in German, is a select chamber ensemble. Singers are chosen by audition at the end of each year. They typically focus on *a cappella* music, both classical and popular. The ensemble sings for a variety of community events and performs their own concert, as well as singing some combined pieces with the University Choir at their concert and at University events.

VOCAL/CHORAL FACULTY

Dr. Darryl Nettles, Coordinator of Vocal/Choral Music

Dr. Susan Kelly, Director of Choirs

William Crimm, Applied Voice and Music Appreciation

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Patrick Dailey, Applied Voice

Elvie Williams, Applied Voice

Elizabeth Ring, Applied Voice

Lindsay Cunningham, Applied Voice

Find out more at our website: <http://www.tnstate.edu/music/vocal.aspx>

A number of University scholarships and graduate assistantships are also available for which students may apply. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for information at (615) 963-5701. All students are required to apply for federal financial aid. This should be done as early as January in order to be considered for the best financial package.