2027 Middle School/Junior High All State Choir
Audition & Application Info

TCDA is thrilled to begin auditions for the 2027 MS/JH All State Choir. Last summer, over 900 students from across the state applied to take part. We hope Texas' music educators can help even more students work toward this opportunity for Summer 2027. This document contains important information regarding the audition process. Please review it carefully.

General Audition Info

Directors must be current TCDA members to submit their students. Each director may submit as many singers as they like. Auditions are open to students who are currently in 7th or 8th grade. 6th graders whose voices have already transitioned to Tenor or Bass are also eligible to audition.

Auditions will consist of three separate mp3 audio files. One will be a recording of the singer performing *My Country Tis' of Thee* and the other two will be of the singer performing scales. Specific details can be found on pages 3 and 4. Recordings that don't follow all audition guidelines are subject to disqualification.

Directors will need to submit their students' audio auditions through the TCDA website. Directors have the option to submit their students' audition fee payments, however, the students' families can pay directly with a link you can send to them from OPUS.

Expenses and Making Payments

The fees All State Choir members pay help us cover the costs of hiring our guest clinician and accompanist. Additionally, it pays for each member to receive their sheet music, a backpack, water bottle, video and audio recordings of the concert, and a t-shirt that will be worn during their performance. All fees are non-refundable. Expenses include:

Audition fee - $30
Registration fee - $145
Hotel/ Food/Transportation - arranged and paid for by participant's family

The audition and registration fees may be paid online, by check, or by money order. If you prefer to pay by check or money order, please make your payment out to TCDA and include your child's full name in the memo line. Mail to:

Texas Choral Directors Association
MS/JH All-State Choir 2027
PO Box 50250 | Austin, Texas 78763

Financial Support

TCDA is proud to offer the Lou Leonard scholarship to Honor Choir participants each year. This scholarship helps cover the cost of registration and travel expenses. **The scholarship application will be made available to students who are accepted into the choir in February.**

Important Dates

Online auditions open……..….November 2
Online auditions close / audition fee payment deadline……..…..January 20
Applicants are notified of audition results……..……..…….February 17
Registration fees are due……..……..……..…….……..March 7
Concert music sent to Honor Choir Members…….……..……April 1-6
All State Choir Day 1 in San Antonio…….…….……July 22
All State Choir Day 2 in San Antonio……..…….……July 23
All State Choir Day 3 and closing concert in San Antonio…….……..……..July 24

How and What to Record

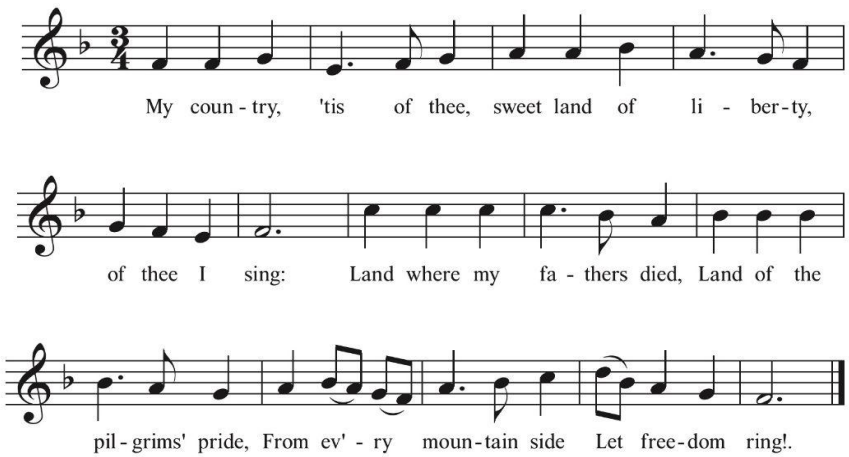
The rules to record auditions are listed on the next two pages. Please follow all steps carefully. Failure to do so can result in the disqualification of a student's application. For additional support, a demonstration video of acceptable recordings and how to submit students can be viewed by going to our website, MS/JH All-State Choir.

"File 1 - My Country Tis of Thee"

1. The student will perform *My Country 'Tis of Thee* **without accompaniment**.
2. **NEW THIS YEAR. Students must follow the tempo marking.**
3. Soprano 1s will sing in the key of A (A4 starting pitch); Soprano 2s will sing in the key of G (G4 starting pitch; Altos will sing in the key of D (D4 starting pitch); Tenor 1s will sing in the key of A (A3 starting pitch), Tenor 2s will sing in the key of F (F3) and Basses will sing in the key of D (D3 starting pitch).
4. There can be no identifying information in the recording–the student's name, age, director, school, etc cannot be stated. No voice other than the child's should be present.
5. The **starting pitch must be played** in the recording before the student begins singing. Please make sure there are **no voices heard other than the students**.

The annotation below is an example of *My Country Tis of Thee* for purposes of providing the melody and lyrics. Keys for audition recordings are listed above under item #2.
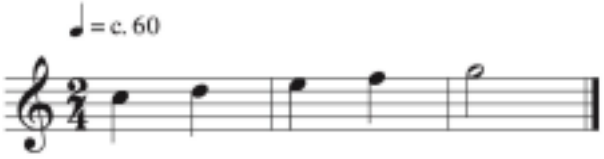
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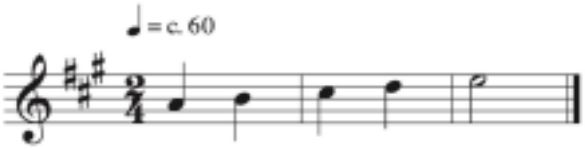


“File 2 - Ascending Pattern”

1. The student will sing the following rising pattern without accompaniment. Make sure your singer performs the one assigned to their voice part.
2. They must follow the pitch and tempo shown in the music.
3. They can sing it on either solfege or a neutral syllable of their choice.
4. The starting pitch must be played at the beginning of the recording. No other pitches can be given. The student’s voice must be the only one heard.
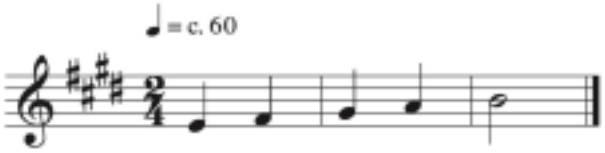
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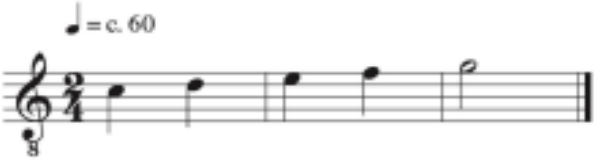


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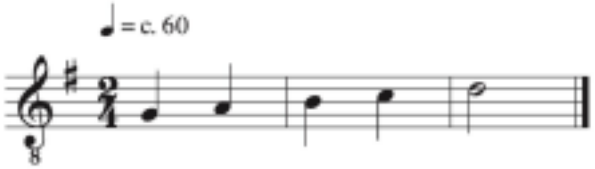


Alto Ascending Pattern
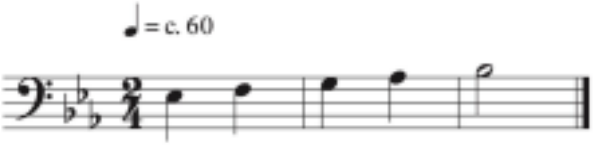


Tenor 1 Ascending Pattern



Tenor 2 Ascending Pattern
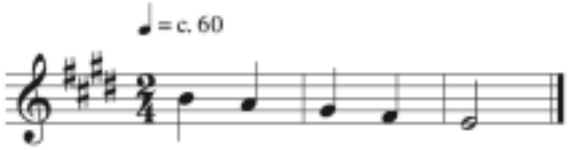


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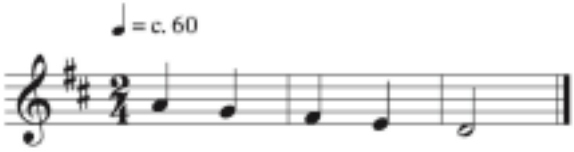


“File 3 - Descending Pattern”

1. The student will sing the following falling pattern without accompaniment. Make sure your singer performs the one assigned to their voice part.
2. They must follow the pitch and tempo shown in the music.
3. They can sing it on either solfege or a neutral syllable of their choice.
4. The starting pitch must be played at the beginning of the recording. No other pitches can be given. The student’s voice must be the only one heard.
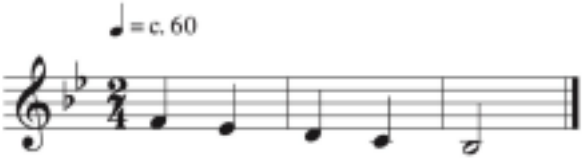
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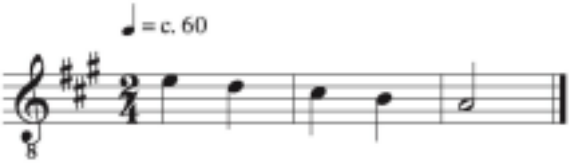


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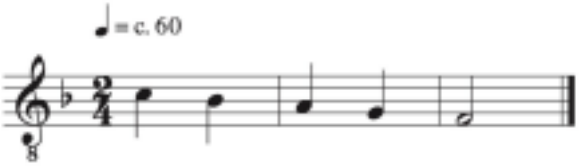


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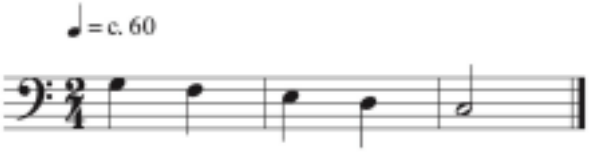


Tenor 1 Descending Pattern



Tenor 2 Descending Pattern



Bass Descending Pattern



How to Upload Audition Files

To submit auditions, you will need an account established with OpusEvent. The email you use to create your OpusEvent account doesn't have to be the same email you use for your TCDA account. However, this would simplify matching up accounts between OPUS (the audition software) and the TCDA membership database**.** You may already have an account if you submitted auditions for TCDA last year or if you submit auditions for ACDA or NAfME. This can be found at: https://audition.opusevent.com/

You will be directed to upload three files. They need to be titled and ordered like the example below:

1. File 1 - My Country Tis of Thee
2. File 2 - Ascending Pattern
3. File 3 - Descending Pattern

Remember, you may pay the $30 audition fee through OpusEvent as well. Whether you pay online or by check/money order, audition fees must be paid by January 20.

TCDA MS/JH All State Choir Audition Application Form

(this form is for teachers to collect information needed for each audition they wish to enter)

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Student First & Last Name **Height in Inches**

_____ _____

Voice Part (Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) **Current Grade**

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Student's School Name

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School District

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Student Home Mailing Address

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City, Zip Code

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Name of Chaperone

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Chaperone Cell Phone Number

If selected to participate in the TCDA MS/JH All State Choir and we agree to participate, my child will learn the music, participate in all rehearsals, and perform in the TCDA MS/JH All State Choir in San Antonio, TX, July 22 – 24, 2027. I understand I am responsible for all expenses associated with this event. I also understand the **audition fee ($30, enclosed) and Registration Fee (if selected, $145, due March 7) are non-refundable.**

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print) **Parent/Guardian Signature** **Date**

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Parent/Guardian Primary Email **Parent/Guardian Secondary Email**

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Sponsoring TCDA member/choral director