

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR

2010 APPLICATION FORM

Please print clearly using a dark ball point pen when completing this form. Mail this entire application, including your audition recording, postmarked by **MARCH 8, 2010** to:

Dorothy Kantor - NCYC
PO Box 7288
Collegeville, MN 56321

STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant _____ Birth date _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Applicant E-mail _____

Age of Applicant _____ Grade level in **Fall 2010** _____ Returning Alum? 2nd year 3rd Year

High School you will be attending in **Fall 2010** _____

H. S. Address _____

Parish Name _____

Parish Address _____

Where did you hear of the National Catholic Youth Choir?

Alumni (name) _____

Word of mouth (relationship to you) _____

Advertisement or Article (Publication name) _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Parents'/Guardians' Name(s) _____

Address(es) _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

"REQUIRED" PERSONAL ESSAY

Please write a paragraph (*maximum 300 words*) telling us why you would like to be in the National Catholic Youth Choir and what you hope to experience during your time in the choir. **Please type and include on a separate sheet of paper.**

"REQUIRED" VOCAL AUDITION RECORDING

Include with your application a CD with a brief recording of you singing. Please **do not** record yourself with any piano or instrument accompaniment. **Do not** include any musical selections other than the two items listed below. **Do not** electronically enhance or alter your recording in any way. You may use any type of standard CD for this audition.

This is what is to be included on the recording: 1. A musical scale **up and down** on any vowel sound (for example, looh or laah). 2. One stanza of a hymn of your choice or sing **one** verse (and refrain if applicable) from one of the following: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*; *O Come, All Ye Faithful*; or *America, the Beautiful*. These hymns can be found in any standard hymnal.

MUSICAL INFORMATION

There are no minimum musical requirements for being in the National Catholic Youth Choir, but the following information will help us to select the most highly qualified applicants. Please circle below your first and second choice of the part, you believe, you best sing in choir.

CHOICE #1 soprano alto tenor bass

CHOICE #2 soprano alto tenor bass

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES: Please list your most important past musical activities. For example, include such things as instrument(s) played, years of individual lessons, membership in choirs, bands, orchestras, ensembles, contests entered, awards won, and any other musical activities. Use only the available space below for your answer.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Please list your most important church, school, or civic activities. For example, include such things as student council, speech, debate, theater, 4-H, Scouts, altar server, parish youth group, athletics, volunteer work and any other activities. Use only the available space below for your answer.

SOLO AND CANTOR – OPTIONAL QUESTIONS

The following three questions are optional and will not in any way affect your application. All auditions for these positions will take place upon your arrival in Collegeville. Singer, instrumentalist and organist audition pieces should be no longer than 4 minutes.

1. Would you be interested in cantoring (solo singing a responsorial psalm or other liturgical music) at the daily liturgies we celebrate as a choir? ___NO ___YES *(We will provide audition music.)*
2. Singers and Instrumentalists: Are you interested in auditioning to perform a vocal solo or other musical part at the liturgies and/or performances of the National Catholic Youth Choir? *(You will provide two copies of the audition music, we will provide an accompanist.)*
___NO
___YES Title/Composer of audition piece (must be a piece of sacred classical music, e.g. Ave Maria)

Instrument or Vocal part _____
3. Organists: Are you interested in auditioning for the opportunity to receive free organ lessons to prepare you to play an organ piece at the performances of the National Catholic Youth Choir? *You will provide two copies of the audition music.)*
___NO
___YES Title/Composer of audition piece _____

“REQUIRED REFERENCES – To be mailed directly to Collegeville by your references.

Please ask two adults, who know you and are not related to you, to fill out recommendation forms (*available on the website*). If possible, your references should be from one of each of the following:

1. A musician (for example, music teacher, choir and/or band director, private lesson teacher).
2. An employer, teacher, minister, or religious (for example, pastor, religious sister or brother, youth minister, religious education director, coach, supervisor, manager).

If you cannot find references that meet the above categories, please find adult references you feel are able to give accurate recommendations for you.

Please list your references:

1. Name _____ E-mail _____
 Address/City/State/Zip _____
 Phone number _____ FAX (optional) _____
 How you are acquainted _____

2. Name _____ E-mail _____
 Address/City/State/Zip _____
 Phone number _____ FAX (optional) _____
 How you are acquainted _____

FINAL CHECKLIST

Please circle your answer for each of the following questions then you and a parent/guardian must sign this form. Signatures state that you agree to the requirements and have completed this application truthfully and to the best of your ability.

1. AUDITION RECORDING

- My vocal audition recording is enclosed. YES NO
- This recording has my own voice without artificial enhancement or alteration, includes nothing except what is asked for, and my singing is unaccompanied. YES NO

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- I have found two adults to recommend me and I have forwarded the recommendation forms for each of them complete and mail to Collegeville. YES NO

3. ATTENDANCE

- I am able to be in attendance, in Collegeville, from **June 15 - June 29, 2010** and I do not anticipate being absent during any part of the program. YES NO

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Thank you very much for your application!
Notification of acceptance to NCYC will be emailed to you by April 1, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENT - FINANCIAL AID

The participation fee for **2010 is \$900**. This represents less than half of the actual cost of running this youth ministry program. Families who are able to make a contribution in addition to the program fee are asked to do so. These contributions are sincerely appreciated.

Financial aid up to **\$400** is available to families who are able to demonstrate need and who also can demonstrate they have requested assistance from organizations such as their parish, Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, Council of Catholic Women etc. Please contact these organizations as early as possible in order to meet their financial assistance applications due date!