

SAVIOR'S SINGERS

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Thank you for your interest in the Savior's Singers Choir! Please read and consider all information. If you are interested in pursuing membership in the choir, please follow instructions on the application form. A voice check is required for all new and returning choir members.

The Savior's Singers Choir is a treble choir for homeschooled children ages 8-10 and is part of the CHEA Singers program. Singers must be 9 by Oct. 15. The choir focuses on developing good singing tone and part-singing as it learns a variety of excellent music from various time periods and styles. Basic theory instruction is incorporated in the training. Using our skills to bless others is also a priority.

Singers must be able to match pitch and sing in tune within the choir's singing range. Choir parents and singers must have a commitment to conscientious involvement in the choir that includes practice at home and consistent attendance at rehearsals and concerts (see commitments below).

Costs: Registration fee of \$130 per student. Uniform purchase fee of \$60 plus hemming costs for girls and \$25 vest purchase for boys. Some used dresses and vests will be available at a reduced cost and will be coordinated by the Uniform Committee.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays, from 3:30pm to 5:30pm in the CLC building at Christ Covenant Church, Matthews, NC. We meet approximately from September to early December, and January to early May.

Choir Uniforms: Required uniforms are purchased by each chorister. The girls' uniform is a tea length dress with short sleeves; you will need to provide black dress shoes with no more than a 1½ inch heel and neutral hose. Boys will purchase vests, and will need to provide a white dress shirt, black dress pants, black socks, and black shoes (no sneakers).

Music: Music provided is the property of the choir and must be turned in at the end of the choir year.

Concerts: Concerts are mandatory. Winter Concert is 12/12/19 and Spring Concert is 5/1/2020

Commitments required:

- Signed agreement to CHEA Singers Requirements for Participating Families and Liability Waiver (attached)
- Attend Mandatory Savior's Singers meeting before choir begins. This meeting will be held August 21
- CHEA Singers Fall and Spring Concert participation is mandatory.
- Participation in Savior's Singers programs for ministry (previous ministry has included singing at a local nursing home once per semester)
- Check email frequently for choir updates. Join our CHEA Singers online group home on Big Tent, keep up to date on information posted there. Respond to requests in a timely manner.
- Adhere to the Code of Conduct.
- Make attendance at rehearsals a priority. Notify the director if your child will be absent. Excessive absence may result in dismissal from choir.
- Make sure your singer is diligent in completing homework assignments and learning music.
- Fulfill 2 choir job responsibilities, assigned by the director and based on job questionnaire responses.

Things to consider: A choir is a team effort that depends on each member doing his part to work toward the group's success as well as his own personal growth. Please consider carefully whether involvement in choir is appropriate for your child. All members must be willing singers committed to participating appropriately in choir activities and working at home on assignments.

Being in a choir involves more than just fitting rehearsal time into your schedule. Practice at home is required. Taking part in the ministry of extra concerts and programs is an important part of the choir experience for your child and is part of the commitment you are making. Having singers drop out of choir mid-year is not fulfilling the commitment you agree to when you sign the CHEA Singers application documents and brings hardship on the other choir members and the choir's director. Please, "... let your Yes be Yes and your No be No..." Be realistic about adding activities to your schedule and weigh your priorities as you make a decision about taking part in choir. If you have any questions about what is involved, please contact the SS administrator or director.

Committed involvement in a choir brings great joy and satisfaction as new skills are learned, new levels of competence are achieved, beautiful music is created, new friends are made, and we become a tool in the Savior's hand to bring His blessing to others. We welcome your consideration of joining us in this endeavor!

Scholarship Opportunity:

If you are unable to join us in giving your time in a weekly capacity, we invite you to consider giving your support to help other homeschooling children in our community join CHEA Singers. Although our registration fees are considerably lower in comparison to other choral programs in our area, families with multiple children might consider this something their family cannot do at this time. We do not want to create a hardship for anyone and welcome all homeschooling children who qualify. Would you consider donating to help another singer join us this fall?

Savior's Singers 2019- 2020 APPLICATION
DEADLINE: June 28, 2019

NOTE: All Savior's Singers applicants will be contacted to sign up for a voice check time. Singers must be able to match pitch and sing in the treble range of the choir. If your child is not accepted for membership this year, the registration fee will be refunded. Upon acceptance, a student is considered registered and fees are non-refundable. **To apply, complete ALL of the following steps:**

1. Read and consider *Savior's Singers Choir Information* (pages 1-2 above), the *CHEA Singers Requirements for Participants and Liability Waiver* and the CHEA Singers Code of Conduct (both are attached).
2. Print and complete the entire application for Savior's singers, pages 3-5 of this form.
3. Print all 3 pages and sign the CHEA Singers Requirements for Participating Families and Liability Waiver document, sign the 3rd page where indicated, and staple the 3 pages together.
4. Take measurements and complete the information below the Parent Questionnaire.
5. Application requires extra postage. Make sure you use 2 stamps.
6. Mail application, signed and stapled Requirements and Waiver, and Registration fee of \$130 (payable to CHEA Singers) to:

Kristi Holden
 707 Kingsmill Lane
 Clover, SC 29710
 Attn: Savior's Singers

Be sure to use 2 postage stamps on the envelope.

If all items are not included, your application will not be considered

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Emergency contact – name and phone _____

You may complete one application per family

Student's Name	Birth date	List any instruments played	# yrs. played	Melody Makers Yes or No

Parent Questionnaire

Parent's Name _____

What other CHEA Singers Choirs will you have children involved in this year?

Will you be serving in a weekly role in any of these choirs? If so, please explain:

Do you have musical training? _____ If yes, in what areas? (Play an instrument, have directed a choir, have a music degree, etc.).

If yes, please let me know if you would consider using your musical training to assist the choir in some way.

Please indicate whether you have an issue with committing to a job that would require regular physical attendance, such as monitor mom or carpool. (For example, small children at home without viable childcare). We will try to take this into consideration when assigning jobs.

Are there any special issues for your child that I should know about?

Measurements for Girls:

Height _____

Waist to floor _____

Dress Size: _____ (i.e. 8,10, etc.)

Boys Shirt size: _____ (i.e. 8, 10, etc.)

For registrar only:

Date Registration Form received	Check #	Amount	Job Spreadsheet Numbered and checked	CHEA Singer Requirements & Waiver Signed Form	Girls: Dress Size Noted Boys: Shirt Size Noted

Savior's Singers Choir Parent Job Opportunities

Each parent must support the choir through two jobs or services. In an effort to match you with your preferred jobs, on the next page please mark at least 3 jobs with a 1, 2, or 3 (1 being your most preferred). In addition, please place an X beside any job that you would be willing to perform if your first 3 choices are not available.

Job Descriptions are included for your reference on pages 6-8 of this application.

Any job that requires purchasing items will be reimbursed the amount of the purchases.

You will not serve all three jobs; this will just help me to know best where to place each parent. Jobs that we particularly need help in are: *Carpool Monitor, Monitor Mom (or Dad), Information Tea Coordinator and Information Tea Monitor.*

	Accompanist
	Assistant Accompanist
	Bow Tie/ Necklace Keeper
	Carpool Monitor – Drop Off
	Carpool Monitor – Pick Up
	Carrington Contact
	Choir Administrator
	Choir Administrative Assistant
	Choir Administrative Errand Assistant
	Concert Parent
	Concert Publicity
	Copier
	Crafts
	Drama/Prop Coordinator
	Hymn and Composer Worksheet Creator
	Hymn Listener Coordinator
	Hymn Listener
	Informational Tea Coordinator
	Informational Tea Assistant
	Informational Tea Monitors
	Instrument Coordinator
	Monitor Mom Coordinator
	Monitor Moms
	Music Librarian
	Name Tags
	Phone Chain Coordinator
	Phone Chain Leader
	Photographer/Videographer
	Prelude Coordinator for Carrington
	Registration Collector
	Social Coordinators
	Sticker Store Coordinator
	Thank you gifts
	Uniform Coordinator
	Uniform Coordinator Assistant
	Uniform Fee Collector
	Weekly Monitor Mom

Savior's Singers Parent Job Descriptions

Accompanist	Plays piano or keyboard, must be prepared with repertoire and be able to sight read.
Assistant Accompanist	Plays piano or keyboard when accompanist is sick or away.
Bow Tie/ Necklace Keeper	Distributes bow ties and necklaces at concerts and Carrington. Lead person will keep items throughout year and give them to Admin after the last concert
Carpool Monitor – Drop Off	Assists in drop off each week, for 30 minutes.
Carpool Monitor – Pick Up	Assists in pick up each week, for 30 - 45 minutes.
Carrington Contact	Calls the Carrington Place Nursing Home to reserve a day and time for our Carrington Ministry, and follows up on reservation.
Choir Administrator	Oversees the administrative duties for the choir, such as registration details, parent jobs, communication with choir parents over email, etc. This position works best if the administrator can be present each week to ascertain administrative needs for Savior Singers.
Choir Administrative Assistant	Assists Administrator with duties such as creating choir forms, uploading information to Big Tent, sending out polls, etc.
Choir Administrative Errand Assistant	Assists Administrator with running errands when needed (office supplies, occasional snacks or treats for choir, etc.)
Concert Parent	Places signs for SS rows on the afternoon before both concerts, assists with monitoring choir before concert and sits with choristers during both concerts to make sure everyone is sitting quietly. Check both upstairs and downstairs men's and ladies' restrooms in the main sanctuary building after the fall and spring concerts. (toilets flushed, paper towels thrown away, no standing water around the sinks, general neatness, etc.)
Concert Publicity	Designs flyers advertising our Fall and Spring Concerts. Sends emails to local Home School Groups and to all of the choirs.
Copier	Responsible for printing or making copies of various handouts or music for choir, i.e. hymn pages as needed.
Crafts	Provides craft activities for children during special occasions, such as the Informational Tea and end of semester parties.
Drama/Prop Coordinator	Works with choristers that may be speaking in our concert, i.e. Bible verse, poem. Also helps with blocking on stage and takes notes during concert rehearsals, as necessary. Responsible for acquiring/assembling needed props for concerts.
Hymn and Composer Worksheet Creator	Creates a fun game or activity sheet to pass out to children containing words or concepts from the monthly hymn once per month for each hymn the choristers are learning. Also creates a one page sheet once or twice a semester about the topic of director's choice – typically a short biography of a composer we are using. Prepare sheets at least one month in advance.
Hymn Listener Coordinator	Coordinates the hymn listening process – including communicating with choir listeners, keeping track of master list, providing small rewards for hymns memorized, and orders hymnals and gift cards at the end of the year for students who have sung all of their hymns.
Hymn Listener	Is available to listen to hymns on the last Tuesday of every month.
Informational Tea Coordinator	Organizes and hosts the Parent Informational Tea in August before the first choir class. Works with volunteers to ensure smooth process of food, information meeting, uniform fittings, and activities for the Savior's Singers choristers when they are not being fitted. Coordinates with Craft Person to have a craft ready for choristers, and assigns a person to lead games for children.
Informational Tea Assistant	Assists the Informational Tea Coordinator with food, and other details necessary for the tea to run smoothly.

Informational Tea Monitors	Monitors the Savior's Singers choristers during the Informational Tea. Help with crafts, and prepare games (indoor and outdoor, depending on weather) to lead during this time. This job is best for parents that are not new to Savior's Singers.
Instrument Coordinator	Assists Director with obtaining instruments when needed, working with the children on their instrumental parts as needed.
Monitor Mom Coordinator	Assigns three Moms to assist director during weekly rehearsals Calls Moms on Monday nights to make sure they will be present at rehearsal the next day.
Monitor Moms	Assists students in breaks for bathroom and water, lead games, administers first aid (if needed). Sits with choristers to encourage attention and quiet, and actively assists director when needed during rehearsals.
Music Librarian	Works with Director on ordering music, if necessary. Organizes and marks music, and keeps track of music as it is distributed and collected. Creates spreadsheet for student music checkout and return. Communicates with parents about missing music.
Name Tags	Purchases plastic name tag covers and makes nametags for children. Replaces lost tags and has names printed individually for concert seat assignments.
Phone Chain Coordinator	Develops a phone chain list for parents in case any messages such as inclement weather, reminders, or cancellations occur.
Phone Chain Leader	Calls a list of around 10 people to inform them of emergency cancellation or other important last-minute messages, as directed by the Phone Chain Coordinator.
Photographer/ Videographer	Takes pictures and videos of choir during social events, concerts and at least two rehearsals per semester. Creates a DVD with pictures and video to play for choristers at the end of year party. Provides Director with a CD of pictures and video taken at the end of the year, or as requested. If unable to attend events, arrange for another to take pictures and give to you at a later time.
Prelude Coordinator for Carrington	Coordinates a group of students to perform a short instrumental prelude at Carrington before the concert each semester. Announce students as they perform at Carrington.
Registration Collector	Collects Registration forms and fees in the spring, over a 6-week period. Compiles spreadsheet of total applicants and pertinent information each week to send to Admin and Director during application period. Organizes application materials.
Social Coordinators	Plans and coordinates party/socials for the year. May determine food, assign food, lead games and arrange facility if needed.
Sticker Store Coordinator	Purchases items for the sticker store (rewards for listening to CD) and manages the store with help at the Christmas Party and the End of Year Party.
Thank you gifts	Purchases thank you gifts for director, accompanist and weekly monitor mom each semester. Gifts are paid through collections from choir families. Please see admin for reimbursement if needed.
Uniform Coordinator	Takes and keeps measurements, purchases dresses and vests at the beginning of the year. Helps to facilitate the sale and purchase of used dresses and vests from previous choir members to current choir members at the beginning of the year.
Uniform Coordinator Assistant	Assists uniform coordinator with all areas regarding uniforms (see above).
Uniform Fee Collector	Collects fees for new uniforms, deposits money into choir account when collection is complete. Complete a spreadsheet of choir members and uniform fees paid.
Weekly Monitor Mom	See Job Description for Monitor Mom. In addition, closely work with Director and Admin during rehearsals, assist Director with leading rounds, games, and part rehearsals when needed. Take attendance and be a leader to the other Monitor Moms, as necessary. Whoever has this job will only have 1 job for Savior's Singers and will perhaps not need to have a job in any other choir (per each Director's approval). Musical experience preferred.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in the CHEA Singers is a privilege for all involved. In order to ensure that the goal of CHEA Singers, which is to provide choral instruction for the glory of God, is advanced, the following Code of Conduct applies to parents, legal guardians, families and choir students:

1. CHEA Singers utilizes the facilities of Christ Covenant Church with its permission. As guests at the church's facilities, parents, legal guardians, families, and choir students are expected to treat the church's staff and facilities with respect and due care.
2. Only choir students attending a rehearsal and parent helpers are allowed on the Christ Covenant campus during choir rehearsals. Parents or legal guardians who wish to observe a rehearsal should obtain the prior permission of the appropriate Choir Director.
3. Choir students must walk quietly in the Church's hallways and must be respectful of adults and other students at all times.
4. Since Covenant Day School classes dismiss before choir rehearsals and activities start, all drivers of motor vehicles should be alert to traffic and pedestrians in the school and church parking lots.
5. Choir students are expected to arrive for choir rehearsals and activities on time and are expected to be picked up promptly at the conclusion of their rehearsals and activities. However, in no event should a child arrive and enter the church facilities before 3:20 p.m.
6. Neither choir students nor their siblings are permitted to be in the balcony of the church sanctuary at any time.
7. No one is permitted to bring food into the church sanctuary at any time. Choir students are not permitted to bring food into choir rehearsal rooms without permission.
8. When on the church campus, choir students are expected to be under adult supervision at all times.
9. Only authorized individuals are permitted to enter the light and sound booths.
10. Choir students are expected to pursue choir activities diligently and to complete required homework assignments.
11. Choir students are expected to faithfully attend all choir rehearsals, performances, and related activities unless sick or conflicted by a **required** school or family event.
12. Choir students are expected to be attentive and apply themselves diligently in rehearsals and must not engage in disruptive or distracting behavior.
13. Choir students are expected to behave respectfully toward fellow students, parent volunteers, and Choir Directors at all times.
14. Choir students are expected to dress modestly and in compliance with the dress code applicable to their choir.
15. Choir students are expected to clean up all trash after rehearsals and to leave the church's facilities in the condition they found them.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING FAMILIES AND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Participation in CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, performances, and related activities by homeschool students and their families is a privilege and not a right. To further the purpose of CHEA Singers, which is to provide choral instruction for students and their families for the glory of God, parents, legal guardians, and students must agree to certain conditions and responsibilities as a requirement of participation. The responsibilities of students, parents and legal guardians of students seeking to participate in CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, performances and related activities are as follows:

1. To support the CHEA Singers Board of Directors and Choir Directors and to submit to their authority in regard to decisions affecting CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, performances, and related activities.
2. To bring concerns regarding any aspect of CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, activities, and performances first to the Choir Director of their student's choir, and if the issue cannot be resolved by the Choir Director, then to a member of the Board of Directors of CHEA Singers. Students, parents, and legal guardians agree that criticism of CHEA Singers, its students, parents, legal guardians, Choir Directors, and members of the Board of Directors, to third parties, whether publicized or not, impedes and defeats the goals and purposes of the program.
3. Parents and legal guardians, from time to time, may be asked to provide reasonable assistance to Choir Directors. Parents and legal guardians agree to provide such assistance, unless there are meritorious reasons for not doing so. Parents and legal guardians agree that such assistance shall be on a volunteer basis.
4. Parents or legal guardians, as appropriate, must make application for acceptance into a CHEA Singers choir, and in most cases prospective students will be required to audition. Parents and legal guardians agree and understand that participation in or acceptance to a CHEA Singers choir is not a matter of right and that the Board of Directors of CHEA Singers or a Choir Director have the unfettered right to decline any student's application for admission and acceptance into a choir for any reason.
5. Parents and legal guardians agree that registration fees are due and must be paid at the time of initial registration. Students will not be accepted into a choir until all required registration forms, including this Requirements of Participating Families and Release and Waiver of Liability form, have been received and all initial registration fees have been paid. Once a student is accepted into a choir, registration fees are non-refundable.
6. Facilities at which CHEA Singers conduct its programs, rehearsals, activities, and performances shall be treated with respect, and there is to be no damage to or mistreatment of such facilities. Parents and legal guardians agree to reimburse any facility which sustains any damage as a result of their student's misconduct, and agree to indemnify CHEA Singers and its Board of Directors of and from any and all costs incurred for repair of damage to facilities due to student misbehavior.
7. Parents and legal guardians agree that students shall conduct themselves respectfully and with decorum when engaged in CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, performances, and related activities, as well as at all times when on the premises of any facility.

8. Parents and legal guardians may observe any choir rehearsal with the prior permission of their students' Choir Director. Choir Directors may exclude from rehearsals any parent, legal guardian, or other person whose conduct is a distraction from, or detrimental to, the proper performance of such rehearsal.

9. Parents, legal guardians and students agree to abide by the CHEA Singers' Code of Conduct, a copy of which is available on the CHEA Singers webpage at www.cheaonline.com. Parents and legal guardians agree that the Code of Conduct may be amended from time to time, as necessary, in the sole discretion of the CHEA Singers Board of Directors, and parents and legal guardians agree to be bound by any such amendments.

10. Parents, legal guardians, and students who are found to have violated any of the above responsibilities are subject to appropriate correction, up to and including immediate dismissal from CHEA Singers programs, rehearsals, activities, and performances, without prior notice. Similarly, parents and legal guardians whose conduct, in the opinion of the Board of Directors is detrimental to the goals and purposes of the CHEA Singers are subject to correction, up to and including dismissal from its programs, rehearsals, activities, and performances without prior notice.

RELEASES AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The undersigned, on his or her own behalf and on behalf of his or her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, for and in consideration of his or her student's participation in CHEA Singers programs and activities:

1. HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES, AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE THE CHEA SINGERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS, CHOIR DIRECTORS, AND VOLUNTEERS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "RELEASEES"), SUCH RELEASE AND WAIVER TO BE FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIM OR DEMANDS THEREFOR ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN DEATH OF THE UNDERSIGNED ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE PROGRAMS, REHEARSALS, PERFORMANCES, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES OF CHEA SINGERS CHOIRS.

2. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the UNDERSIGNED'S INJURY OR DEATH, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

3. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the programs, rehearsals, performances, and related activities of CHEA Singers Choirs, whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

4. HEREBY agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

PHOTO/MEDIA AGREEMENT

I authorize the CHEA Singers choirs and their directors to use photographs, videos or quotes of my children enrolled in choirs for educational or promotional purposes of any type of media, including its websites. The photographs, videos or quotes may not be used for profit without my express permission. I understand that I will not be paid or rewarded for providing this authorization.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PLEASE PRINT ALL THREE PAGES OF THIS REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING FAMILIES, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, AND PHOTO & MEDIA RELEASE. STAPLE, SIGN WHERE INDICATED AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHOIR REGISTRATION FORMS.

I have read and understand the foregoing CHEA Singers Requirements for Participating Families, Release and Waiver of Liability and Photo/Media Agreement and I agree to be bound and to abide by them. In addition, I have read and explained the Requirements for Participating Families and CHEA Singers Code of Conduct to my child and am satisfied that he or she understands them. I understand that failure to fulfill these requirements will subject my child to appropriate correction, up to and including dismissal from the CHEA Singers program. I further agree that I have signed this acknowledgement freely and voluntarily without any duress or inducement.

Print Student's Full Name: _____

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Print Student's Full Name: _____

Date

Signature of Student's Parent or Legal Guardian

Printed name of Student's Parent or Legal Guardian