

# Nodaway Chorale

## Scholarship Award

Application Deadline March 1



### Our Mission

To set in motion in our community an appreciation, appetite, and affinity for Choral Music as an art form that is, at once, participatory, educational, and satisfying to all who come in contact with it.

### Why we have created a Scholarship Award

The establishment of an ongoing Scholarship Award by the Nodaway Chorale directly supports our Mission Statement, encourages students who are demonstrating a passion for choral music, engages our community, displays the value we place on choral music and provides financial assistance to qualified graduating high school seniors to further their education.

### Overview and Concept of the Award

The Nodaway Chorale believes that all people should benefit from the gifts of music. For that reason, the applicants and recipients are not required to pursue a music-based education or career path, simply demonstrate a passion for vocal music and exemplify the principles and joyful spirit upheld by the Nodaway Chorale. We are not necessarily looking for the most accomplished singer or someone who plans to sing professionally, but rather for a young person who is joyfully passionate about singing – now and in the future.

### Candidate Eligibility

- Student must be a graduating high school senior (or the equivalent education level) in good standing between the ages of 16 and 19 as of March 15 of each year and must be currently enrolled in a high school in Nodaway County, Missouri or be a certified home-school student residing in Nodaway County.
- Student must be enrolling in a college, university, conservatory or other institution of higher learning in the fall of the year of graduation. Positive consideration will be given to applicants who intend to continue advanced study in fields related to choral music.
- Student must, upon date of application, be currently enrolled in a high school in Nodaway County, Missouri or be a certified home-school student residing in Nodaway County.

### Application Process

Full information packets will be sent to all high school choral directors, principals, and guidance counselors the first week in January. Application submission deadline is March 1 and the award will be presented at the Chorale spring concert. A minimum of one \$1000 scholarship award is available each year.

Submit: **1)** an educational essay of 500 words or less that describes how his/her life has been influenced by singing and how this scholarship award will impact his/her future, **2)** a choral and/or vocal music activities resume; **3)** a two-to-five-minute video or audio recording of a performance to demonstrate his/her talent, which will, upon submission of the recording, be licensed to Nodaway Chorale giving it the right to post or share any submitted recordings or videos on its website and social media platforms; **4)** a letter of recommendation from his/her choral instructor, voice teacher, or performing arts teacher, addressing, if possible, in what classes/ensembles s/he has participated under their direction, the level of performance that s/he has achieved while participating in the class/ensemble, his/her leadership shown in a choral ensemble setting, and his/her current areas of strength and areas that can continue to be strengthened; and **5)** at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, s/he may be asked to participate in, and agree to, an in-person interview with the Committee as a selected finalist.

For Application Forms or more information – email [info@nodawaychorale.org](mailto:info@nodawaychorale.org)