

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CHOIR

Mail this entire application, including your audition tape, postmarked by **MARCH 31, 2008** to:
National Catholic Youth Choir
Fr. Anthony Ruff, OSB
Saint John's University - School of Theology
Collegeville, MN 56321

Please print clearly in black or blue ink when filling out this application. Thank you.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

E-mail: _____ FAX (optional): _____

Age of Applicant: _____ Grade level in Fall 2008: _____

Name and City of High School you will be attending in Fall 2008: _____

Name and City of Parish: _____

Name of Diocese: _____

Parents' / Guardians' Full Name(s): _____

Address(es): _____

Parent / Guardian Phone Number(s): _____ E-mail: _____

Where did you hear of this choir? _____

Advertisement (Magazine/newspaper name): _____

Newspaper/magazine story (Publication name): _____

Church music director (Name of the person(s)): _____

Word of mouth (Name of the person(s)): _____

MUSICAL INFORMATION

*While there are no minimum musical requirements for being in the National Catholic Youth Choir,
the following information will help us to select the most highly qualified applicants.*

Circle your first choice of the part you believe you best sing in choir: soprano alto tenor bass

Circle your second choice of the part you believe you best sing in choir: 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.

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 use a separate sheet of paper.

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 Colledgeville. 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?
 NO
 YES Title/Composer of audition piece (must be a piece of sacred classical music, e.g. *Ave Maria*)

Instrument or Vocal part _____
(We will provide an accompanist, you must bring two copies of the music to the audition.)
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?
 NO
 YES Title/Composer of audition piece _____

REFERENCES

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

1. A musician (for example, music teacher, the 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, boss, 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 indicate here the names of your references:

1. Name _____ E-mail: _____
Address/City/State/Zip _____
Phone number _____ FAX (optional) _____
Position or acquaintance with you _____
2. Name _____ E-mail: _____
Address/City/State/Zip _____
Phone number _____ FAX (optional) _____
Position or acquaintance with you _____

THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO COLLEGEVILLE BY YOUR REFERENCES.

CASSETTE OR CD RECORDING

This is required for your application.

Include with your application a cassette tape or CD with a brief recording of you singing. Please **do not** record yourself with any accompaniment - there should be **no** piano or other instrument playing during your singing. **Do not** include any other musical selections other than the two items listed below. The audition recording may not be electronically enhanced or altered in any way. You may use any type of standard cassette tape or CD for this audition. *Mini-cassette tapes will not be accepted.*

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. Please 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.

FINAL CHECKLIST

Please circle your answer for each of the following questions before you mail in your application.

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| 1. Audition Recording: My audition recording is enclosed. | YES | NO |
| This recording has my own voice without artificial enhancement or alteration and 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 given them the recommendation forms to fill out and mail to Collegeville. | YES | NO |
| 3. Attendance: I am able to be in attendance in Collegeville from June 16 - July 2, 2008 and I do not anticipate being absent for any of the program. | YES | NO |

I have answered everything on this application truthfully and to the best of my ability.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Thank you very much for your application! You will hear from us in April.