**Instructions**

For more than 25 years, the Chester County Choral Society has hosted the ***Vocal Competition*** to recognize and encourage talented high school seniors who reside, attend high school or study music in Chester County, PA. The Competition exists to reward vocal excellence. Contestants compete for the following awards:

* First place, $800 cash, Certificate of Achievement, and trophy plaque
* Second place $600 and Third place $400, with Certificates of Merit

**All winners are required to perform an audition piece at the Choral Society’s Spring Concert on Sunday, April 14, 2024, at 3:00 PM.**

Candidates must complete and return the attached **application, personal bio, and teacher recommendation forms** **postmarked no later than** **2/15/2024.** An application fee of $30 is required; a check made payable to Chester County Choral Society must be included with the application. **If you plan to use our accompanists, please include $55** (which includes an additional $25 fee). The Competition coordinator will notify you after the application deadline with your specific audition time. (Please visit our website, [chescochoral.org](https://www.chescochoral.org/) to download and complete the application and, then mail it in with your check.) Also, on our website, please find the link to Gluck’s *O del mio dolce ardor*. **It is free and the only acceptable edition** for the required piece. CCCS reserves the right to limit the number of contestants.

**Application Deadline**: February 15, 2024 (postmarked by)

**Competition Date & Location**:

* Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 9am – 1:00pm

Church of the Good Samaritan

212 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli, PA

**Competition Requirements:**

* Prepare three (3) pieces to be performed **from memory** including:

1. Gluck’s *O del mio dolce ardor****- required \*\**** Specific edition link to be downloaded from CCCS website\*\*
2. A classical selection (art song, lieder, aria, etc.) of your choice
3. A musical theater selection of your choice

* Total audition time will be limited to 10 minutes, at the discretion of the judges
* Your classical selection piece can be sung in a foreign language, but it is not required

**If you prefer to use the CCCS accompanists, Mrs. Ann Ellis or Mr. Anthony Mancuso, your music must accompany this application, and you must set up a short rehearsal with them. The competition coordinator will assign your accompanist and share their contact information when your application is received. $25 fee will apply in addition to the $30 application fee.**

* **The day of the audition, please bring the ORIGINAL copies of your personal selected audition pieces for the judges.**
* Arrive approximately 15 minutes before your scheduled audition time. A warm-up room will be provided.

**Judging Criterion**:

1. Artistry 2. Presentation 3. Tone

4 Technique 5. Musical Accuracy 6. Musical Sensitivity

**­­­­Candidate Application, page 1**  **Please print clearly or type**

Candidate’s Full Name:

Home Address: City, State, Zip:

Cell phone: Preferred Email:

Enrolled in: High School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: Cell phone:

Address (if different from above)

Preferred method of contact: Telephone: Email:

Voice Part: ⬜ Soprano ⬜ Mezzo-Soprano ⬜ Alto ⬜ Tenor ⬜ Baritone ⬜ Bass

Voice Training: ⬜ Yes ⬜ No If Yes, with whom:

(Please provide your voice teacher with the recommendation form (page 3) and return it with this application.)

❒ I will provide my own accompanist. Name of accompanist:

❒ I need to use Chester County Choral Society accompanist (Competition music selections **MUST** be included with application and a rehearsal time must be arranged with Mrs. Ellis or Mr. Mancuso)

What genre of music do you prefer to sing?

Do you plan to pursue music in college? ⬜ Yes ⬜ No

If yes, what college(s) are you exploring or hope to attend?

Please identify the music you will be singing at the audition in addition to *O del mio dolce ardor* – please review with your vocal coach (Note: all music must be sung from memory)

**Classical**:

Title:

Composer:

**Musical Theater**:

Title: from

(name of show)

Composer(s):

*I understand all of the requirements and criterion of Chester County Choral Society’s Vocal Competition.*

Applicant Signature: Date:

**Candidate Application, page** 2 Please print clearly or type

Student’s Name:

**Candidate’s Personal Bio**

(Please provide a description of your vocal training, choirs, choruses, solos, tours, etc. in which you have participated. Also include your future plans – college, field of study, etc. If you are selected as a 2024 Competition winner, this bio will be printed in the Choral Society’s Spring Concert program)

This bio may be edited to fit the size and available space in the concert program.

**Candidate Application, page 3**  Please print clearly or type

Student’s Name:

**Music/Voice Teacher Recommendation**

(Please provide your comments/recommendation for your student’s participation in this Competition. How long has s/he studied with you, vocal development, musical abilities, etc.)

Name (Please print):

⬜ School Music Teacher ⬜ Private Voice Teacher

Signature: Date:

Email Best phone #

Mailing Address:

**Application Checklist:**

* Completed, signed and mailed the Candidate Application by the **2/15/24 deadline**
* Included a $30 check made payable to Chester County Choral Society, or $55 check w/ CCCS accompanist
* Included my music/voice teacher’s recommendation form
* Have arranged for my own accompanist and included his/her name on the application
* Included the music for the CCCS accompanist (if needed) rehearsal time TBD
* Included the Candidate’s Personal Bio form
* Listed the music **I will memorize** for the Competition audition
* Retained a copy of the 3- page application form
* Have ORIGINAL music of 2 personally selected pieces ready to give to the judges at the audition
* If selected as a Competition Winner, I have reserved Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 PM to perform at the Choral Society’s spring concert. **REQUIRED**

**Mail the 3-page application form by the 2/15/24 deadline to the Vocal Competition Coordinator:**

Sue Sutter

566 Saylors Mill Rd.

Spring City, PA 19475

If you have any questions, please feel free to call, text or email Sue Sutter at:

Phone: 215-260-9230 or email at: stsutter@verizon.net