



## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### **What is the Fort Wayne Children's Choir (FWCC)?**

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir is a non-profit community arts organization, that provides choral excellence and music education to children throughout Northeast Indiana. Our mission is to teach music literacy to children from diverse backgrounds through song and performance.

### **How many choirs are part of the FWCC?**

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir (FWCC) is made up of eight curricular choirs, based on ability level:

Apprentice Choir	Beginning 1
Chorister Choir	Beginning 2
Lyric Choir	Intermediate 1
Treble Choir	Intermediate 2
Whitley Community Choir	Community Choir based in Columbia City
Concert Choir	Advanced 1
Youth Chorale	Advanced 2
Chamber Singers	Advanced ensemble made up of Youth Chorale members

We also offer programming for children ages 0-7:

[First Steps in Music](#) – for children ages 0-2, and 3-5

[Preparatory Class](#) – for children ages 6-7

### **How do I sign my child up to be part of the Children's Choir?**

There are 3 steps to become part of the FWCC:

#### **1: Schedule an Audition (for eight curricular choirs only)**

- Visit our ["Come Sing With Us"](#) page to learn about the audition process, and sign up for an audition. Auditions are held once a year, during the third week of May.

#### **2: Complete Audition**

- Your child's audition and simple music theory assessment will determine to which level he/she is placed. At the end of each year, a Singer-Parent Conference is held to determine your singer's placement for the following season.

#### **3: Register for the FWCC**

- You will be informed of your singer's placement within 48 hours of the audition, including online registration information.

### **How much does it cost to be in the FWCC?**

Tuition is \$669.50 for the entire year, which includes a week-long day camp in July (Choralfest).

Additional costs include, a formal dress uniform (\$70 new, \$30 used), concert tickets, and day trips and optional tour opportunities (fee dependent on length of trip and location).

### **Does the FWCC offer financial assistance?**

The FWCC never wants cost to be a barrier to participation. Each year we are awarded \$23,000 from local foundations to support families who have financial need. The application process is simple, and we encourage everyone to apply. In addition to need-based and merit-based scholarships, payment plans are available—3, 6, and 10-month plans. We also offer sibling discounts are given to families with more than one singer in the FWCC. Applications to apply for funding are provided after your child completes their audition.

### **When does the FWCC rehearse?**

Normally, rehearsals are held on Tuesdays in the evening from 5:00-7:00pm., from August-May. Times vary by choir. Concert Choir meets on Mondays and Tuesdays.

### **How many concerts are there each year?**

In a normal year, FWCC singers perform in three major concerts: Our 2024-25 schedule includes Choralfest, Harvest (early November) and Spring (late April/early May) in addition to **MANY** performances in the community.

### **What is “Choralfest”?**

Our season kicks off with our choir camp, Choralfest, July 22-26, 2024. Choralfest is a day camp that is exclusively for members of the FWCC. Activities include all aspects of the arts, including singing, music theory, art, drama, and teambuilding games.

### **Does the FWCC travel? Go on tour?**

Younger choirs may take a one-day trip to participate in a festival with another children’s choir in Indiana. The cost is minimal, and parents are invited to help as chaperones. More advanced choirs may take a weekend trip for a special performance. Concert Choir and Youth Chorale members participate in summer tours, both nationally and internationally.

### **Have more questions?**

Be sure to check out our website: [fwcchoir.org](http://fwcchoir.org) or email us at [info@fwcchoir.org](mailto:info@fwcchoir.org)

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