



# Financial Assistance Opportunities

2023-2024 Season

## Ohio ACE (Afterschool Child Enrichment)

The Boychoir is a qualified provider for the Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) Program. Qualifying families may receive up to \$1,000 per child to spend on qualifying activities. Families using ACE funds will pay their tuition directly to the Boychoir and then submit a claim for reimbursement to ACE. Only tuition costs may be reimbursed, the uniform fee and tour costs do not qualify for reimbursement.

More information and the application is available on the [Ohio ACE Website](#).

Please reach out to the Boychoir office with questions at 513-396-7664 or email [sing@cincinnatiboychoir.org](mailto:sing@cincinnatiboychoir.org) if you have any questions or need assistance or additional information to complete the ACE Application.

## Cincinnati Boychoir Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program

The Cincinnati Boychoir offers several ways for our families to receive financial assistance that will help to offset Boychoir costs. This document provides an overview of financial assistance funds available, the application process, and key deadlines. Please read carefully, to receive funding, deadlines must be met. Please reach out to the Boychoir office with questions at 513-396-7664 or email [sing@cincinnatiboychoir.org](mailto:sing@cincinnatiboychoir.org).

# Funds At-A-Glance

Financial Assistance Funds (2023-2024 Season)						
Fund	Focus	Application Required	Application Deadline	Eligibility	Full Tuition Scholarship	Half Tuition Scholarship
Wolfe	Merit-Based	yes	8/30/23	Ambassadors	1	2
				JourneyMen	1	1
Maxwell	Need-Based	yes	8/30/23	All Boys	1	2
Lally	Need-Based	no	n/a	All Boys	Awarded as needed at discretion of Fin Aid Cmte	
General Assistance	Need-Based	yes	8/30/23	All Boys	Amounts awarded range from 5% to 90% of tuition Only one application needed per family/year	
			12/12/23			

## Available Funds

Boys and their families can apply for all funds to which they are eligible. Awards may come from one or more programs, will be credited to current-year fees on the respective Boychoir account, and will not exceed the amount of program fees charged.

## Scholarships

### Randall Wolfe Scholarship Fund

The Randall Wolfe Scholarship Fund was founded during the 2015 Cincinnati Boychoir 50th Anniversary Season to honor the many years of service of our longest-serving director.

This revolving fund supports boys who ***exhibit dedication to the pursuit of musical excellence, demonstrate leadership qualities, and whose participation in Boychoir embodies a passion for our mission.***

This is a competitive, ***merit-based*** scholarship that must be applied for and is awarded annually in the Fall to boys enrolled in JourneyMen or Ambassadors, when funds are available.

## Maxwell Scholarship Fund

Founded by a generous gift from Mrs. Jean Clipson, the Maxwell Scholarship Fund is named for Mrs. Clipson's great-grandfather, Lawrence Maxwell, who was a president of the Cincinnati May Festival, and a lifelong supporter of vocal music in Cincinnati. Jean's grandson, Robert Maxwell Pauly, is a Boychoir alumnus and her son Lawrence Pauly was a member of the Men's Glee Club and is a past member of the Boychoir's Board of Trustees.

The annual earnings on this endowed fund currently allow us to cover the tuition for up to two boys each year who **demonstrate both financial need and whose participation in Boychoir embodies a passion for our mission.**

This is a competitive, **need-based** scholarship that must be applied for and is awarded annually in the Fall. All boys are eligible to apply for this scholarship. To be considered for this scholarship, the boy's application must be accompanied by a General Financial Assistance application completed by the parent/guardian.

## Heather Lally Scholarship Fund

Mrs Heather Lally served the Boychoir first as a choir parent to her two sons, and then as Chorus Manager from 2012 to 2020, where she became matriarch to all boys who passed through the Boychoir ranks. Her mantra, "we can do hard things," bore out in her tireless efforts to manage the boys through rehearsals, performances, and tours all over the world.

This fund will be used to "save the day" for boys in need by helping to **cover gaps in program, tour and/or uniform costs, or to cover small one-off expenses as they arise.** Funds will be awarded when they are available and at the discretion of the Financial Assistance Committee. Funds may be distributed at any time during the season and need not be applied for.

## General Financial Assistance

We understand that many of our families need assistance, and we strive to help as many boys participate as possible, regardless of economic need. All families are eligible to apply for our general financial assistance fund and need only submit one application per year.

Financial assistance is subject to fund availability and volume of applicants, and *assistance is not guaranteed.*

**How are award amounts determined?** Every application received by the stated deadline (see below) will be reviewed by a Financial Aid committee composed of the Artistic Director and at least one member from the Boychoir Board of Trustees. Award amounts will be based on the Federal Poverty Level guidelines\*, family circumstances, and volume of applicants.

\*Source: <https://familiesusa.org/product/federal-poverty-guidelines>

**How much can I expect to receive?** Award amounts may range from 5% to 90% of your total *tuition* costs. Assistance is dependent on need, individual circumstances, fund availability and volume of applicants, and cannot be guaranteed.

**Will financial aid cover *tour* costs?** Currently, *tour* costs are *not included* in the award amounts. As *tour* funds become available, all families will be made aware and invited to apply. There may also be fundraising opportunities available, and all families will be invited to participate.

## How to Apply

Applications will be made available at the time session registration opens and will be *due no later than three weeks prior to the start of the session* to be guaranteed full consideration. Applications received after the due date will be considered only as funds are available. Refer to key dates below. *All information provided will be kept strictly confidential.*

### Apply for Scholarships

Complete the Boychoir [Scholarship Application Form](#) online, or email the completed [Application Form](#) to [jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org](mailto:jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org). If you have any questions, please email [jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org](mailto:jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org) or call 513-396-7664.

Note, all Maxwell Fund applicants must also complete a separate application for General Financial Assistance (see below).

### Apply for General Financial Assistance

1. Complete Boychoir [Financial Aid Application](#) online, or email the completed [application form](#) to [jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org](mailto:jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org). If you have any questions, please email [jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org](mailto:jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org) or call 513-396-7664.
2. Send a copy of your last 1040, 1040EZ, or other filed tax return to [jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org](mailto:jason.holmes@cincinnati-boychoir.org) or mail/deliver to the Boychoir office:

Cincinnati Boychoir  
Attn: Jason Holmes  
650 Walnut St  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Be sure to have this documentation submitted ***on or before the deadline*** stated below to be fully considered for assistance. **Please black out any Social Security Numbers (SSN) or Tax ID numbers.**

Award amounts for both Scholarships and General Financial Assistance will be *announced two weeks prior to the start of the session* and will be credited on the invoice. If the award recipient does not enroll in the session by the enrollment deadline, his award will be forfeited for that session and he will need to re-apply for subsequent sessions, if desired.

# Key Dates

The following table highlights the key dates related to Boychoir Financial Assistance Programs. For more detailed payment information, refer to the [Boychoir Payment Policy](#).

Financial Assistance Key Dates				
Session	Financial Aid Application Due*	Financial Award Notifications	Enrollment Deadline	Session Dates
Fall	August 30	Sep 4	Sep 1 2023	Sep 11 2023 - Dec 13 2023
Spring	Dec 12	Dec 18	Jan 4 2023	Jan 8 2023 - May 1 2023

*\*To be guaranteed full consideration, application and accompanying materials must be received no later than this date. Applications received after this date will be considered only as funds are available, and assistance cannot be guaranteed.*

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