



Financial Aid Overview

2021-2022 Season

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 and reach out to the Boychoir office with questions at 513-396-7664 or email sing@cincinnatiboychoir.org.

Funds At-A-Glance

Financial Assistance Funds (2021-2022 Season)						
Fund	Focus	Application Required	Application Deadline	Eligibility	Full Tuition Scholarship	Half Tuition Scholarship
Wolfe	Merit-Based	yes	8/31/21	Ambassadors	1	1
				DeltaChor	1	1
				JourneyMen	1	1
Maxwell	Need-Based	yes	8/31/21	All Boys	1	0
Lally	Need-Based	no	n/a	All Boys	Awarded as needed at discretion of Fin Aid Cmte	
General Assistance	Need-Based	yes	8/31/21	All Boys	Amounts awarded range from 5% to 90% of tuition Only one application needed per family/year	
			12/14/21			
			2/1/21			

Available Funds

Scholarships and financial assistance are offered each season as funds are available, and may change from season to season. 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, DeltaChor or Ambassadors, when funds are available. *This scholarship covers tuition only.*

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 current 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. *This scholarship covers tuition only.*

Heather Lally Scholarship Fund

Mrs Heather Lally served the Boychoir first as a choir parent to alumni Sean ('05-'10) and Ryan ('09-'17), and then as Chorus Manager from 2012 to 2020, where she became matriarch to all boys who passed through the Boychoir ranks. Mrs Lally has been the internal face, the glue, and the heart and soul of this organization during her tenure. 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 as 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 cannot be guaranteed*.

How are award amounts determined? Every application received by the stated deadline (see below) will be reviewed by a Financial Aid committee comprised of executive staff and at least one member from the Boychoir Board of Trustees. Award amounts will be determined in part by 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 individual circumstances, fund availability and volume of applicants, and cannot be guaranteed.

Will financial aid cover *tour* costs? At this time, *tour* costs are *not included* in 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 print and complete the [attached paper application](#). If you'd like for us to mail you a paper application, email katie.macdonald@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 print and complete the [attached paper application](#). If you'd like for us to mail you a paper application, email katie.macdonald@cincinnati-boychoir.org or call 513-396-7664.
2. Send a copy of your last 1040, 1040EZ, or other filed tax return to katie.macdonald@cincinnati-boychoir.org or mail/deliver to the Boychoir office:

Cincinnati Boychoir
Attn: Katie MacDonald
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, if desired.

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	Aug 31	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 18-Dec 5
Winter	Dec 14	Dec 21	Jan 4	Jan 11-Feb 10
Spring	Feb 1	Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 22-May 1

**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.*

Please contact the Boychoir office with any questions, or to receive a paper application form at (513) 396-7664 or sing@cincinnati-boychoir.org.