MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
Choral Activities

Audition Procedures 2026-2027

All auditions are approximately 15 minutes in length and will consist of elements listed below.

Auditions must be completed by March 20, 2027, to be considered for a scholarship.

All students must audition for any ensemble.
You must be admitted to Mississippi State to audition.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IN THE AUDITION?

Choral-Vocal Auditions provide the choral and voice faculty an opportunity to get to know you as a musician and person individually before the semester begins each year. As experienced musicians and educators, we know that many people are anxious about auditions, but we provide all our prospective students with a positive and supportive environment during your audition process.

AUDITIONS INCLUDE:

Performance:

- NON-Music Major – Please select **ONE** of the pieces from the Audition Repertoire List. Sheet Music and video/audio links for each piece are available for each voice part.
- Music MINOR - Please select **ONE** of the pieces from the Audition Repertoire List. Sheet Music and video/audio links for each piece are available for each voice part.
- Music MAJOR - Please prepare **TWO** songs with the following guidelines:
    (1) You may select from the Audition Repertoire List **OR** select a classical aria or art song for your voice type*.
    *If you choose your own piece, please email a .pdf to msuchoir@msstate.edu.
    (2) A selection of your own choosing (should be either a solo musical theatre piece, a solo spiritual, or another classically prepared solo.) *Please avoid any "popular" or "contemporary religious" selections.* Please email a .pdf copy of your sheet music to msuchoir@msstate.edu.

Range Vocalization:

- Mississippi State University choral and voice faculty will vocalize you to determine your range.

Pitch Memory:

- You will sing back a series of pitches after they are played for you on the piano

Sight Singing:

- You will sight-sing a melodic selection without accompaniment during your audition.

Interview:

- We will meet with you at the end of your vocal audition to get to know you better with a few questions about your interests and your background.

WHAT IF I AUDITION FOR A CERTAIN CHOIR AND I AM PLACED IN A DIFFERENT CHOIR?

It is important for you to be placed in a choir(s) that best matches your musical ability and vocal training.

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WHERE ARE AUDITIONS?

Auditions are held in the new Music Building Choral Hall, 124 Hardy Road.

HOW DO I SCHEDULE AN AUDITION?

Incoming Freshman and Transfers:

To schedule an audition, visit https://statesings.com/auditions, click the "Schedule an Audition" button and complete the form. You may contact Mrs. Danielle Gaudé at msuchoir@msstate.edu or 662-325-3490 with any questions. We encourage you to audition during one of our Music Department set auditions. If you cannot, please select "Contact Me for a Private Audition" on the form. Once you have scheduled your audition, we will contact you with details concerning arrival time.

Current MSU Students:

Please contact the Choral Office at msuchoir@msstate.edu or 662-325-3490

DO I NEED TO BE A MUSIC MAJOR TO BE IN A CHOIR?

NO, the ensembles are currently comprised of more non-majors than majors. All choral groups, including the State Singers, have non-majors among their members. We encourage campus involvement from all majors and students in our choral program.

WHAT TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?

Choral Service Awards require participation in vocal/choral ensemble(s) and/or activities. Awards are applied to students' accounts each semester. These **Awards are determined based on the audition results** and can be increased due to being a music major or minor. **Your audition must be completed by March 20, 2027, to be considered for a scholarship.**

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