

Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra

Applicant's Commitment Form

Please bring all completed forms (4 total)
Personal Commitment, Minister, and 2 Teacher forms and turn them in at your audition.

The Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra seeks to assemble Christ-like young people and adult leaders to...

- *worship and lead in worship of Almighty God*
- *grow spiritually and musically*
- *experience and present different styles of Christian musical literature*
- *establish a statewide network of Christian peers and mentors*
- *acquaint participants with churches, education institutions, conferences and other missions of the Southern Baptist Convention*
- *help bring Mississippi and the world to Jesus*



REHEARSAL CAMP AND TOUR GUIDELINES

- The instructions of the director and counselors are to be respected and obeyed at all times. For example: quiet times required by the choral director; promptness in complying with all activities on the schedule including in-room, lights out, and bed times.
- The plans that have been made by the Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra planning committee and host churches will be honored at all times.
- Our conduct must be above reproach at all times, remembering that we represent not only our families, home churches and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, but the Kingdom of God!
Therefore, any indication of an infringement of proper attitude or conduct may result in the offender being sent home at the family's expense.
- The possession or use of tobacco in any form, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs is absolutely not allowed.
- Eating and drinking will be allowed on the charter bus, but it is THE STUDENT'S responsibility to make sure that all trash is disposed of properly. There will be trash bags placed throughout the buses for your convenience. Any privilege abused will be lost.
- Cell phones, MP3 Players ETC will be allowed with the following understandings:
 - » When in use, they must be used only with earphones. Anyone playing them publicly will lose the privilege of listening.
 - » Do not use any personal entertainment devices at any church or concert location.
 - » Please respect your host family by not playing them in their homes. You only need to sleep, eat, and be friendly at those times.
- Texting and cell phones may be used only during private free times. At other times they should be turned off.
- Since each day will be packed full, it is imperative that we each get a good night's rest EVERY night.

GENERAL DRESS FOR REHEARSAL CAMP AND TRAVEL

- Modest, conservative clothing is appropriate at all times.
- SHORTS no shorter than your fingertips (while standing). NO gym/athletic shorts.
- No tank tops, no spandex shorts, no transparent clothing for boys and girls.
- No bare midriffs.
- No spaghetti straps or sleeveless shirts.
- TATTOOS AND PIERCING – No visible tattoos or body piercing at any time during the tour other than one earring in each earlobe, if desired by the young ladies during rehearsal and travel time.

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CONCERT DRESS

• BOYS

- » Designated choir attire (shirt and slacks – ordering information will be sent to you)
- » Black dress shoes (no suede, Nubuck or Wallabee styles; black uppers and lowers)
- » Black Socks
- » Black Belt

• GIRLS

- » Designated choir attire (shirt and dress pants – ordering information will be sent to you)
- » Dress shoes (black pumps or flats [hints, flats are more comfortable] – no sandals – closed heel and toe)

• EVERYONE

- » Neat and trimmed hair (above the eyebrows and out of the eyes – this is not negotiable and will be checked at registration. Students must comply with these guidelines before registration can be completed.
 - » No jewelry (including watches, rings, earrings) during concerts
 - » No visible tatoos or body piercings at any time
 - » Girls may wear one earring in each earlobe during rehearsal camp and travel time.
- During the Rehearsal Camp and Tour, students will be divided into Family Groups led by one of our Adult Chaperones. Each group will be made up of 5-6 students and their “Mom or Pop.” Their family Group Leader may contact them before camp.
 - One of the important facets of this ministry is oneness of spirit and mission. Cliques or subgroups of any kind (other than the organized Family Groups) are greatly discouraged. They do not contribute to the unity and ministry of the Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra.

CATCHING THE VISION

We realize that there is a lot of information on this form. We just want to make sure the students truly understand that this is much more than a “just for fun” experience. It is one of serious spiritual significance. Yes, it will be great fun, a never-to-be-forgotten experience, but it will mean work, commitment, dedication, and a real vision for the Ministry that is the Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra. There will not only be musical preparation to make, but spiritual as well. We must equip ourselves spiritually to meet the challenge of this responsibility. Prayer will be an important part of our daily preparation, both before and during the rehearsal camp and tour. Study of God’s Word will be necessary. Daily fellowship with God will be the key to our spiritual preparedness. Please do not neglect this vital area of your personal preparation.

**PLEASE DETACH BELOW THIS BOX AND KEEP THE OTHER INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS.
BRING IT ALONG WITH THE OTHER FORMS TO YOUR AUDITION.**

I have read and meditated on the Mission Statement, Guidelines, and Catching the Vision. I believe that God is calling me to be a part of this Ministry, thus if selected, I agree to wholeheartedly support every facet of this ministry represented by these guidelines and the Mission Statement.

PRINT STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE _____

PARENTAL SUPPORT SIGNATURE _____