

Lumina Youth Choirs

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Lumina Youth Choirs (Lumina) recognizes that some children may not be able to participate in Lumina because of financial difficulty. The scholarship program enables as many children as possible to participate in all aspects of Lumina's activities.

Scholarship awards are based on demonstrable financial need. Scholarship awards are determined by eligibility for free or reduced lunch as described by Hillsborough County Public School guidelines, the applicant's total household income, and the number of persons being supported by such income. Unusual or unforeseen financial challenges are also considered, with involuntary expenses given more weight than voluntary expenses.

Applications that are not properly completed, are not signed, or are not accompanied by the required documentation will not be reviewed. Scholarship applications and related materials are held in strictest confidence. The Lumina Board of Directors Finance Committee (Finance Committee) reviews each applicant's financial need and the availability of scholarship funds, determines an appropriate level of financial assistance, and notifies families of the scholarship terms.

Under special circumstances, the Finance Committee also may review applications for scholarship assistance from families that do not fall within the financial guidelines. Families must present evidence to support the request such as proof of medical expenses and income statements from all working family members.

The Finance Committee considers eligibility for scholarship assistance based on household size and income. Income is defined as total gross income before taxes and deductions, social security, welfare, child support, and disability. The annual fee influences the amount of scholarship assistance granted.

- Families with an income below the amounts in the following table are considered for scholarship assistance up to the full cost of tuition.
- Families with an income near the income guidelines and up to 20% over the amounts in the following table are considered for partial tuition funding.
- No scholarship assistance is awarded if actual income is more than 20% above the amounts in the following table unless the family provides proof of financial hardship at the time of the application.

The following table presents household size and income levels that Hillsborough County uses to determine free or reduced lunch eligibility.

Household Size	Household Income				
	Annually	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	65,009	5,416	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
Each additional	+9,509	+793	+397	+366	+183

Every participating family is asked to pay some part of the cost. Therefore, Lumina asks that all families pay the initial payment for each child.

Our upper division choirs tour annually. **All students are expected to participate in this valuable experience. Multiple opportunities for fundraising assistance will be provided for every tour.**

Families requesting to participate in the scholarship program must submit a scholarship assistance application each year.

Please direct questions about Lumina’s Scholarship Program to treasurer@luminayouthchoirs.net or (813) 290-7464.

LUMINA YOUTH CHOIRS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mother/Guardian Name _____
 Father/Guardian Name _____
 Street _____ City, ZIP Code _____
 Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

CHILD INFORMATION

Child's Name	School Grade	Choir (if known)

EARNED HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Monthly)

Name	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Gross Monthly Income
Total Earned Household Income				

ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME (Monthly)

Source	Gross Monthly Assistance
TANF	
AFDC	
EBT	
Social Security	
Child Support/Alimony	
Other Assistance	
Total Additional Household Income	

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Total (Total Earned + Total Additional)	
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Does the applying chorister receive free or reduced lunch? Yes ___ No ___

Total income of all members of the Household on last year's IRS return _____

Please attach copies of the following documents.

- Federal Income Tax Return Tax Form from the last year, which has been signed by you.
- W-2 forms from the last year
- Monthly payroll information if your income has changed since the last tax year.

If you are not required to file an Income Tax Return, please attach proof of your income such as your welfare check, AFDC Voucher, Social Security check, or child support check.

NOTE: If these documents are not attached, the Finance Committee will not review your application for scholarship assistance.

Please let us know about special circumstances to support your request.

Funds for our scholarship program are gathered from many sources. Donors are interested in how Lumina makes a difference in choristers' lives. Please tell us how Lumina makes a difference in your life.

- **Student:** On a separate sheet of paper, briefly share why you are interested in singing with Lumina Youth Choirs
- **Parent/Guardian:** Also on a separate sheet of paper, please indicate how Lumina makes a difference in the life of your student and family and how you can make a difference in the Lumina organization as a volunteer

I understand that my acceptance of scholarship aid enabling my child to participate in Lumina Youth Choirs (Lumina) is an agreement between Lumina and me. For the scholarship assistance I receive, I agree that my chorister will participate fully in Lumina for the term of the scholarship award. I understand that my child's participation in every rehearsal and performance is required, that I will ensure that my child conducts herself/himself in a manner appropriate to achieving the aims of the chorus, and that excessive absences or disciplinary problems are grounds to dismiss my child from the chorus and to revoke a scholarship award. If my economic circumstances improve sufficiently during the term of any scholarship aid I receive, I will notify the Finance Committee that scholarship aid is no longer required for the remainder of that term so that the scholarship can be redirected to another chorister in need.

I have read the Scholarship Program Eligibility Requirements, I have provided true and correct information in the Scholarship Program Application to the best of my knowledge, and I have attached the required documents that support this scholarship application.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please sign and mail your completed scholarship application with supporting documents to:

Lumina Youth Choirs

Attention: Finance Office

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