

Mississippi Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Orchestra 2020 Applicant's Commitment Form

Please bring all completed forms (4 Total)
Personal Commitment, Minister & 2 Teacher 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



MISSION STATEMENT

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, MP 3 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 or 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**

- Navy Blue or Black Blazer
- Dress Khaki Slacks
- White Dress Shirt
- Black or Brown Dress Shoes (No suede, Nubuck or Wallabee type shoes)
- Black or Brown Socks
- Choir Tie - This tie is to be paid for by the student and received at Rehearsal Camp \$\$\$\$\$

⇒ **GIRLS**

- The designated choir dress TO BE ORDERED BY EACH FEMALE CHOIR MEMBER \$\$\$\$\$
- If you have questions about ordering the dress, please email Peggy Sneed at peggy@northoxford.org.
- Black Dress Shoes - No sandals - Heel and Toe in (flats are more comfortable)

- Neat and trimmed hair for boys and girls.
- ⇒ Must be above and not touching the eyebrows.
- ⇒ This must be done before arriving at Rehearsal Camp.
- ⇒ An open and expressive face is important in communicating the message. Hair color should be in shades that are normal to human hair. Please no neon, fluorescent or bright colors that will distract from our mission.
- No jewelry, including watches and rings, may be worn with the specified concert attire.
- 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 _____