



2024 Elementary Festival Honor Choir Audition Procedures

Procedure

1. Recording Notes

- One Recording Per Student
- Only speaking will be to introduce the student
- You do not need to make a professional style recording. The recording just needs to be clear and understandable. Using your phone/computer is acceptable.

2. Start audition recording

The teacher reads the following:

“This is (student name). Auditioning for (alto or soprano) from (school name).”

Example:

This is Jack the Rabbit. Auditioning for alto from SDSU.

3. Melody Echo Patterns

- Teacher sings or plays on the piano each of the following melodic examples.
- ***Do not sing and play.***
- After each example is played or sung the student echoes (a cappella) ***using the syllable “loo”.***

Exercise 1



Exercise 2



Exercise 3



4. Prepared Song

- Give the student the starting pitch G. **Do not play any other type of introduction.**
- The student should sing the vocal line as written. Do not alter the rhythm or the pitches.
- The student should complete the song a cappella.
- The teacher may accompany the first two measures.
- The song must be sung straight through without stopping.

America, My Country 'tis of Thee

The image shows a musical score for the song 'America, My Country 'tis of Thee'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'My count - try! 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,'. The second staff starts with a measure rest (5) and continues the lyrics: 'Of thee I sing; Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the'. The third staff starts with a measure rest (10) and concludes the lyrics: 'Pil - grims' pride from ev' - ry - moun - tain-side Let - free dom ring!'.

5. Post Recording Steps

- Listen through the entire recording to make sure all elements were recorded and that everything is clear and understandable.
- Save the file with these 3 elements:
 - Student Name
 - School Name
 - Part (A or S)
 - Example: Jack Rabbit_SDSU_A

6. Upload Submission

- Upload Alto submissions to the “Alto Submissions” folder
- Upload Soprano submissions to the “Soprano Submissions” folder
- If you need access to these folders, the link was in your confirmation email, or email andie.star@sdstate.edu to get the links.

SDSU Choral Day
Elementary Festival Honor Choir
NOMINATION FORM 2023

To be submitted by the Nominating Music Teacher/Director/Private Instructor
Singers are current 4th, 5th or 6th grade students in your choral program.

Applications and audio files must be submitted by midnight on
Wednesday, November 1st, 2023.

A \$5.00 non-refundable application fee per nominated student must also be received by
Friday, November 17, 2023.

Checks should be sent payable SDSU.

Please **do not** send cash. If possible, please send **ONE (1)** check per school.

Mail checks identified with school and "EFHC" to: Elementary Festival Honor Choir
SDSU School of Performing Arts
OLPAC Box 2830
Brookings SD 57007

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

_____ **1. Submit Nomination Form**

- Use this link to fill out the nomination form: <https://www.sdstate.edu/school-performing-arts/music-sdsu/efhc-nomination-form>
- You can nominate multiple students on the same form or do a new submission per student.
- You can nominate up to 30 students per form. If you need to nominate more than that, then submit a second form.

_____ **2. Receive links for audio upload**

- This year we will have a link for Altos and one for Sopranos.
- Links will be included in your confirmation email when you nominate students.
- The link from last year will not work for this year.

_____ **3. Upload Audition Audio**

- The audio track should have all exercises included *on one track*.
- Audio should be identified with the **student's name spoken at the beginning of the audio**.
- **Please name your audio files with your school name, student's name, and vocal audition (Ex S for soprano or A for alto).**
EX: HarveyDunn_JaneSmith_S or Mickelson_JohnDoe_A
- You will only have access to upload files, if you need to delete/change a file email: andie.star@sdstate.edu

_____ **4. One Check made out to SDSU for correct amount**

- \$5.00 fee for each student audition. For example, if you are sending in 20 auditions, please send one \$100 check.
- **All checks and money orders *must* have school name and "EFHC" written on them somewhere for identification purposes.**

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