



**State 7-8 TTB & 7-8 SSA Honor Choirs**  
**American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota (ACDA-MN)**  
**13288 Downey Trail (new address)**  
**Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124**

October, 2016

Dear Students and Parents:

On behalf of the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota (ACDA-MN), it is our great pleasure to inform you that you have been chosen to participate in the State 7-8 TTB or SSA Honor Choirs. You have been carefully selected as one of the outstanding young Minnesota choral musicians from hundreds of applications. Please read all of the enclosed information carefully. Your director has also received a copy of these and other instructions and can help you with any questions you may have.

The Honor Choir will rehearse all day **Saturday, November 19** at Mahtomedi High School and perform at a 5:30 pm public performance located at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. Parents will receive two complimentary tickets to attend the concert. There will be an opportunity to purchase additional tickets on-line at [acdammhonor.brownpapertickets.com](http://acdammhonor.brownpapertickets.com), or with cash/check at the door prior to the concert.

Please notice that the Honor Choir event occurs in Mahtomedi, which means you are responsible for travel to and from the location and if needed, to acquire hotel accommodations close by. The day starts early so you may want to arrive in the area on Friday evening. Please note that hotel information is included on the ACDA-MN website. Your family may opt to stay in lodging for one night, or select a weekend package at special ACDA-MN Honor Choir reduced rates.

Also please notice that all music must be memorized before arriving at the first rehearsal. Rehearsal tracks may be downloaded from the ACDA-MN website for your personal practice. Your choral director will assist you in accessing this information.

You will receive the following document from your director or you may download the form and return to your director.

**\*Student Registration Form** (notarization needed)

To secure your place in the State Honor Choir, please return **this form** (\*) and check payment in the amount of **\$120 payable to your child's school or choral organization**. Registration forms must be returned to ACDA-MN by **Wednesday, November 2**.

A needs-based scholarship covering the honor choir registration fee (from \$50 up to \$100) is available on a limited basis from ACDA-MN's F. Melius Christiansen Endowment Fund Committee. A separate **Scholarship Application Form**, available from the honor choir website or from your child's choral director, is due on **Friday, October 21**.

To view further information about your participation in the ACDA-MN Honor Choir program go on-line to:  
**[www.MNHonorChoirs.org](http://www.MNHonorChoirs.org)** All of the information will assist you and your family as you make plans to attend this special day.

We are looking forward to working with you as one of the outstanding young vocalists in Minnesota! Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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