

State FFA Chorus Application

Due
February 1 



Instructions and Deadlines

- The online application form can be accessed [BY CLICKING HERE](https://forms.gle/JE3qBDD8YYZPTu319) or by typing <https://forms.gle/JE3qBDD8YYZPTu319> into your web browser.
- All applications, including video submissions, must be submitted on or before February 1, 2021
- The Chorus Director and his staff will review the applications and recordings and make the chorus selections. However, all correspondence concerning the chorus, other than recommendations from teachers, will be handled through the state FFA office.
- FFA members that have graduated high school are not eligible to apply.
- The list of selected applicants will be posted on our Web site (www.okffa.org) as soon as it is made available by the Chorus Director. Approximately 100 members will be selected. No alternate members will be selected. And, non-selected members will not receive written notification.
- A student may apply for both State Convention Chorus and State Convention Talent. However, separate applications and recordings must be sent to the state office. Talent applications and recordings are also due February 1.

Student's Responsibilities to the State FFA Chorus

- Due to the pervasiveness of the Coronavirus and its potential detrimental impact on our communities, the decision has been made that this year's chorus will be participating in the convention virtually.
- Each applicant is responsible for recording and submitting a video audition by singing all six steps of the following Vocal Audition Sequence and submitting it via YouTube link (see below) by February 1.
- Students are responsible for their official FFA dress. Selected chorus members will wear the official FFA jacket of their local chapter in their recorded videos.

Instructions for Vocal Auditions


- A recorded video of your vocal audition is required for you to be chosen to perform with the State FFA Chorus. The audition is simple, but you must follow these instructions carefully. If you don't understand the terminology, ask someone to help you.
- You may use an iPhone or any brand of cellphone that records HD or 4K video. Mount your phone, or have someone hold it so that the video captures your body from the waist up only. Recording in HD or 4K is important as it will also affect the quality of the audio needed to hear your audition effectively.

Submit an *Unlisted* YouTube Video Link in Application

- Submit your recording via a YouTube video that has its visibility selected as "unlisted." Instructions for uploading an unlisted video can be found [HERE](#) or you can search "How to upload unlisted videos to YouTube" to find plenty of demonstrations.
- You will then open that video on your computer and copy the link to the video from your browser's address bar and paste it within the application form found [HERE](#).
- For safety's sake, before you submit your completed application, have someone other than yourself open your recording on another computer to **MAKE SURE IT WORKS**. Check the recording volume. It must be loud enough for us to hear you.

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Vocal Audition Sequence - All Steps Are Required

1. Begin by announcing your name and address. Say, “My name is [YOUR NAME], and I live at [YOUR ADDRESS].” If you would like to be considered for a solo in the choir, then say “At the end of this audition, I will be recording a solo.”
2. Next, tell us about the recording devices you are using. For example, say, “I am making this recording using my friend's iPhone 12” Or, “I am making this recording using Sony HandyCam model 2341”
3. Now start your audition by singing “ah” *on each note* of a major scale, beginning at the lowest note you can sing, and ending with the highest. Sing full voice with a lot of energy. It is important for you to try hard to reach the highest note you can sing. We are listening for your vocal range – how high and how low you can sing. If you don’t know what a “major scale” is, ask someone to help. This scale **MUST** be sung **WITH NO KEYBOARD ACCOMPANIMENT**. We need to just hear your voice, alone. No keyboard or other support.
4. Next, repeat #3, except sing “ah” softly instead of in full voice.
5. Next, sing the entire sentence “This is the state chorus audition” *on each individual note* of the major scale, once again starting at your lowest note and ending with your highest note. Sing these words in full voice with a lot of energy. Try hard to reach and demonstrate the highest note you can sing. Remember, no keyboard accompaniment or other support.
6. Next, starting on any comfortable pitch, sing the song “America the Beautiful” (Oh beautiful for spacious skies...). Sing the entire song with expression and feeling as if you are performing a solo for a large crowd. Again, no keyboard accompaniment or other support.
7. Finally, if you want to be considered for a solo, tell us the title of the song and sing a portion of it. At this point, you can sing with accompaniment or click track. Tell us if you are personally playing the guitar or keyboard on the recording. You can sing a portion of a couple of different songs to show your capabilities. However, please be brief. There is no need to sing entire songs.

Instructions for Drum, Bass and Guitar Auditions

Due to the nature of this year's chorus we will not be accepting auditions for Drums, Bass, or Guitar.
We apologize but encourage you to apply next year.